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President's Message

Happy New Year! My wish for you this year is good health, happiness, prosperity, and for you to find all your long lost relatives.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Sue Powell on the excellent job she did as President for the past two years. Since her retirement, she has been able to devote more time to WCGS and her own projects. Her accomplishments show that. She will be Vice President for 2004, so we will still have her valuable input.

January is WCGS renewal month. We hope we don't have to say goodbye to you. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so before the end of January. You don't want to miss a single issue of *Trees of Wilson*. If you do not renew now, there will be no February *Trees* in your mail.

The WCGS 2004 calendar is being mailed with January *Trees*. Sales have been very good on this year's historical calendar of the Stantonsburg and Saratoga areas. Additional copies are available for purchase at $10.00 (plus tax for North Carolina residents) for each calendar. They make excellent gifts.

A gift subscription to Trees is also an excellent gift. We have had several gift subscriptions already. What a wonderful way for people to keep in touch with their Wilson area roots!

I look forward to serving you as President of WCGS in 2004. See you at the meetings!

Carol M. Forbes, President.

January 27 WCGS Meeting A visit to "MARS"

The North Carolina State Archives has an online reference service available to anyone with an internet connection. This is called the "manuscript and reference service" or MARS for short.

While it is possible for any user to figure out the mechanics of Mars, it is far easier to use if you have someone to show you the ropes first.

Accordingly, we have invited Drucilla R. Simpson, Information Technology Specialist with the NC State Archives, to present our January program which will be an introduction to using Mars.

While the Wilson County Public Library is not available for public meetings, the cooperative staff there has made an exception to allow WCGS to gather there in the North Carolina Room on Tuesday, January 27, because of the availability of their internet access. Mars works best with broadband (high speed) internet which the library has for all of its computer systems.

We urge everyone to attend even if you do not have computer service at your home. The library has computers which are available for public use. Mars does not replace the need for a trip to Raleigh but provides advance planning for your search.

And bring your dues check!

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Your New Year Genealogy Resolutions

Just in case you still have not made your resolutions, here are several that may be of use for a family historian.

☺ Resolve to buckle down to locate references for some of your undocumented names. This doesn't mean thumbing through books in the library hoping to stumble across a reference. It means thinking through the situation and deciding the best place to look. It could be NC Archives (Mars) or a regional library such as Lenoir Heritage Place in Kinston.

☺ Resolve to get your family records organized. If you don't have a computer program, then buy one. Our choice (purely personal) is Family Tree Maker, now in its 11th revision. We recommend just the software itself without the on-line resources.

☺ Resolve to make more use of the superb free resource from our local public library, Heritage Quest. With access to every census from 1790 to 1930, you are likely to find whomever you want. All you need is a password from the library, available free to any Wilson County resident.

☺ Resolve to make better use of our local library genealogy collection, now housed in a roomy, airy space. Come along and enjoy browsing through the hundreds of volumes available on Wilson and its founding counties, as well as Revolutionary and Civil War resources. Help is available on some afternoons. Call the library beforehand to find which days will have assistance (252-237-5355).

☺ Resolve to improve your personal library. WCGS has numerous publications that belong on the shelves of every local family historian. Census, cemetery surveys, maps, calendars, architectural heritge—see the complete list on page 12 of this chronicle.

☺ Resolve to have a happy new year!

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Family Connections - *Wilson Daily Times*
The High Family— November 2003

I would like to know the history of my High family ancestors. **EBP Little Switzerland**

The first record of a High family member in America seems to be that of a Thomas High who arrived about 1660, possibly from London. His name was listed as a headlight for St. Mount Wells. The term headlight was used to describe a person who had his or her passage paid by someone who, in turn, was granted 50 acres of land as well as having seven years of service from the arriving passenger. Wells transported 12 passengers and took his resulting 600 acres of land on the Chowan River in the Albemarle Precinct (now North Carolina but then part of Virginia). The date of the grant to Wells from the Governor of Virginia was 1663.

We don't know whether High ever lived at the Chowan River site as he left records in Surry County, Va. One of these records was a court affidavit to the effect that he was 13 years of age when he arrived in 1660.

By 1674 Thomas had become involved in local Surry County politics and became a supporter of Nathaniel Bacon's rebellion against Royal Gov. Berkeley over a variety of issues ranging from low tobacco prices to trade with the local Indians.

Bacon died in the middle of the conflict, and the rebellion ended with the execution of several ringleaders. In 1677, Thomas High pleaded for and was granted a pardon for his minor role in the uprising but soon moved away from Surry County. He married Hannah Clements in 1681 and had two sons, John (b. 1682) and James (b. 1686). He died in 1687. His widow married George Foster in 1688.

Wells sold the Chowan River land within a few years, and that would normally be the end of any interest on our part in that parcel of land. However, a few years ago the N.C. Department of Transportation decided to build a new bridge across the Chowan River from Windsor to Edenton at the site of Wells' grant. Their preliminary survey turned up evidence of a Colonial-era settlement at the site where the bridge was to be located.

Mindful of the need to document and preserve such sites, the DOT contracted with a Tarboro company to excavate and record evidence. The site turned out to be a small Colonial settlement with a few houses and associated outbuildings.

Many artifacts were found, from bottles to fireplace tiles, which enabled the site to be dated from about 1670-1720. After that date, it became the home of the Province of N.C. Gov. Charles Eden and remained as an active plantation until the period of the revolution. The site is now known as "Edenhouse." Further details can be seen at: www.ncdot.org/planning/pe/o he/archaeology/edenhouse.

Deeper excavation turned up evidence of Native American activities. The area was probably a fishing and hunting camp for the local Indians from about 800 BC, based on spear points, fish hooks and bones. After thorough examination and documentation, the site was re-covered and left as it had been found.

As said earlier, it is not known if Wells actually deployed his indentured servants (headlights) to the Chowan site or whether he sent them on to Surry County where he lived. It is clear that there were settlers on the Chowan site from the earliest days of the grant. There are no records of who they were or where they went.

The fate of the High family after the death of Thomas duplicates that of many of our local immigrant families. As the family increased in size, they migrated to new areas, first to adjoining counties and then further afield.

By the late 1700s, there were Highs in Prince George County, Va. (south of Richmond) and in Bristol Parish (from Petersburg west to Danville). Still others crossed the line into North Carolina and were found in Northampton County (Weldon), Granville County (Oxford) and further south in Wake County.

There are High families in Wilson County that descend from the Wake County line. All appear to be descended from Thomas High of Surry County. There were other High families who migrated into New England who do not seem to

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(**High Family** *continued from page 2)*
be connected with our southern line.

Here is a brief lineage of our local family: Alsey High (1790-*1849)* and wife Elizabeth Win-borne (1791-1875) of Wake County had children John Bunyan High (1820-1901), Gaston High (1823-1861) and Allison High (1836-1920), all who lived in Wilson County. Some of John Bunyan's children moved to Nash County while others remained in Old-field Township. Gaston's children lived in the Black Creek area. Allison High's children lived in Oldfield Township. There is a chain of High's Convenience Stores, in the Mid-Atlantic States, which was founded by one of the High descendants from Wilson County.

Henry & Sue Powell
With assistance from
Charles Clement Lucas, MD

FAMILY CONNECTIONS December 2003

Elizabeth Hill Cox — Folk Artisan

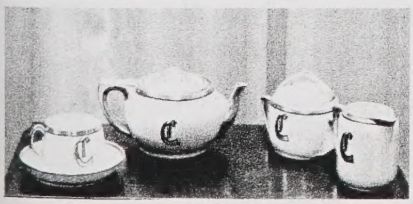
Elizabeth Hill Cox was born in December 1888 and died in December 1980 at the age of 91. The daughter of David Baker and Sally Ellis Shelton Hill, she grew up in the family home behind her father's general store at Moyton, just outside Stantonsburg.

In later years, she shared childhood memories of the merchandise that come into that crossroads store for sale to farmers, housewives, and "socialites" of the area, recalling exotic fabrics, beautiful china and fascinating foodstuffs that had broadened her world. Having glimpsed another life besides that of a country crossroads, she begged to go to Business College, and her reluctant father sent her to Raleigh for a secretarial course at King's Business College in 1908.

Lizzie Cox—1911
Wedding portrait

Lizzie, as she was called within the family, returned to Stantonsburg and, in 1911, married her sweetheart of long standing, Will Cox, age 38, a clerk at Applewhite's store, also at Moyton. The newlyweds moved to Wilson where Lizzie became an office clerk, and Will drove a delivery truck for Pepsi Cola.

With a family coming along, Lizzie gave up her office job, but took up china painting to help fill her hours. A talented seamstress, she did dressmaking and alterations as well, all to help make ends meet.



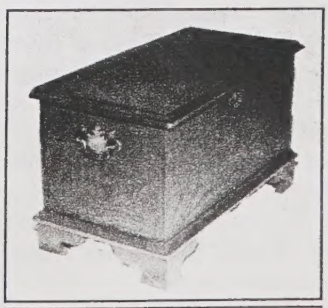
As the family grew, Lizzie spent most of her time at the sewing machine. She produced many of the beautiful dresses designed by "Madam Barnes," Wilson's legendary couturier for debutantes and brides. When all of her children were on their own, she turned to other activities and began making hooked rugs. Not satisfied with commercial patterns and yarns, Lizzie collected old woolen clothing and cut it into strips to use for rugs. She checked out books from the library on oriental rugs and copied designs onto rug backing fabric and then proceeded to fill in the design with her own wool strips. Most of these rugs have disintegrated over time. The few that remain are kept as collectors items and shown with pride on request. They are not to be walked on ever again.

Making these rugs filled many long winter evening as Lizzie and Will moved gently into their senior years. When Will died in 1961, Lizzie turned to woodworking for solace. Will had been a talented carpenter, and Lizzie made good use of his tools.

Lizzie began with wood carving, creating mythical and exotic creatures as suited her fertile imagination. She then began to experiment with making boxes and became something of a local legend for "Mrs. Cox's Boxes". With her funds from Will's estate limited, she would calculate her Christmas needs and then set to work about July to make enough boxes to provide the funds she needed. Russell Stephenson generously allowed Lizzie free access to his millwork scrap heap where she would salvage exotic woods and turn them into beautiful creations. Her simple boxes are works of art in themselves, but occasionally she would combine her carpentry and woodcarving skills into a masterpiece.

Cedar Silver Chest

Never afraid of size, Lizzie constructed several corner cupboards using mahogany packing crates. The wood quality was poor and these pieces have not held up well over time. Some of her smaller furniture pieces, however, remain as pure artistry. She took wood from the ancestral family kitchen (her grandmother, Betsy Ellis) and built several small chests. Her small cabinets and silver chests are family treasures and are scattered all over, wherever her children and grandchildren have settled.



"Ellis" Chest

Article prepared by
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Guy Cox (son)

MORE WEBB INFORMATION

Submitted by Vicki Webb Thomas

Additional information by Evelyn Hendricks

I just received my Wilson Co. Trees and was glad to see some Webb history. I did however find an error in the information. Wiley Webb who married Sallie Magnolia Skinner was my great-great grandfather. He was not an orphan and not raised by the Ward family. Wiley's mother was Treacy Webb, daughter of William Webb and his wife Sallie Lewis. William was the son of John Webb of Nansemond and Edgecombe Counties. Treacy Webb met John Byrum, son of Jacob Cale Byrum. Jacob Cale Byrum was a school teacher in Edgecombe Co. No one has found a marriage license for Treacy and John. John Byrum traveled with a side show and Treacy went with him. She returned with a son, Wiley Webb. They lived with Treacy's brother Wiley Gray Webb until Treacy married Hickman Ellis. Wiley then lived with Treacy and Hickman Ellis, until a dispute forced Wiley to leave at age 18. (Wiley had a son out of wedlock with Hickman's sister Evelina, William Thad Ellis.) He then moved over to the Black Creek and Saratoga area, where he married his first cousin Sallie. Sallie was the daughter of Queenetta Webb and William Skinner. Queentetta was Treacy's sister. Wiley and Sallie lived in a 14 foot house on land owned by Queenetta for a while. At the end of Wiley's life, he had acquired almost 2000 acres in Wilson and Greene Counties. The only original piece of this land still in the family was passed down to my grandfather, also named Wiley Webb.

William J. Webb was not Wiley's first son. Their first son was Walter who died at age 10 from an accidental gun shot wound.

William J. Webb was called Bud.

The above information is supported by the family bible and a personal narrative given by Wiley Webb to a doctor at John Hopkins and census records.

The following is the personal history taken from Wiley Webb when he was a patient at John Hopkins Hospital on August 29, 1927.

"Wiley Webb born in Edgecombe County, NC on April 19, 1860. Wiley knew nothing about his earlier life except hearsay; breast fed, always healthy, no trouble in teething, walking and talking at usual age, no spasms in childhood, measles after he was married. He has not had diphtheria, scarlet fever, typhoid, pneumonia or rheumatism. Influenza 6-7 years ago severe, expected to die. Got perfectly well and 2 years later had it again, but not so bad this time. Indigestion manifested by pain chiefly, has no gas, no eruction, only pain. Gall bladder removed 5-6 years ago by Dr. H. A. Royster of Raleigh in Wilson. Was examined by Dr. vender Hoff, has had some indigestion since but patient describes it vaguely; he describes fever, chills, etc. that might have been due to suppurative cystitis. The incision drained for 2 years. No other operations. Asthma and shortness of breath came on him about a year ago; was in bed from January to June 1926; in bed attended by nurse, coughed and had shortness of breath; took morphine and started at this time on the drug. Does not know what his trouble was. Has had shortness of breath and asthma ever since.

In public school of Edgecombe County for 2 sessions and to his grandfather for one year before his public school career.

As a boy interested in sports and amusements of boys his age, jolly, cheerful; not irritable, not fussy, not hard to get along with, not curious or peculiar; a good provider though he says he is stingy, good business judgment, saving, never drank whiskey excessively, interested in church and things about him. A progressive thinker; not a complainer, not a medicine taker. When well always worked hard, never blue or despondent.

He and his mother lived on his uncle's place and both worked for the uncle. He beginning at 15 cents a day, quit when 10 or 12 years old, probably getting 25 cents a day for the past year. After leaving his uncle's at 12 or 15 years, he lived with his mother when she married Mr. Ellis. Lived with them until 18 years of age, up until that time he worked for his mother getting nothing but his living. He then left home and worked for wages one year in Wilson County, North Carolina, and the next year he rented a farm. He has now bought this farm. He owns now maybe 1500 acres all of which he accumulated himself.

Married his first cousin Miss Skinner when he was 19 years old, when he had only $15.00 and paid $3.00 of that for license, lived in a 14 foot house. Has always made money. There are three children; three dead. Domestically happy till 9 years ago when he took up with another woman for about 2 years. He quit when he got sick and afterwards lived happily. The wife died February 7, 1927, suddenly with high blood pressure. She complained of dizziness and headaches for some time. She was about 68 years old; she was lively and happy; but stingy, liked by everyone, she liked young people and was very active until she died.

Magnolia Web died at 18 years of age of pneumonia. She was in good health up to the time of her death; she was happy, jolly and good natured and normal in all respects.

Walter Webb was accidentally shot by a friend at age 10; a normal bright boy. Cora Webb died at 10 months of age; she was a twin sister of the living daughter Mrs. Richard Stancil.

W. J. Webb (Bud) is about 44-45 years old now, in poor health from arthritis, hard worker when he can, not a good farmer though he makes some money; children healthy and normal, happily married, happy, jolly, cheerful, liked by everyone does not drink, interested in things about him.

Grover Webb is a good business man, a good farmer, good business judgment, stingy, makes money, married, children in good health, happily married; does not drink, cheerful and happy but not so lively as W. J. Webb. Progressive good health.

Mrs. Richard Stancil (Hattie) is a twin to a daughter who is dead, is not in good health. She gets excited and her hands draw, and she has to go to bed, she is high tempered, not blue or despondent, interested in things women usually are, children in good health."

Census 1920, Wilson Co., Saratoga Twp., Stantonsburg - Saratoga Rd.

Wiley Webb, age 60, own home and farm, farm manager.
Sallie M., age 60
(Lula Powell was the cook, age 52; she had Louisa age 9

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*(**More Webb Information**, continued from page 4)*
living with her in a separate house on the Webb farm.)
Census 1910, Wilson Co., Saratoga Twp., Stantonsburg - Saratoga Rd.
Wiley Webb, age 50, married 30 years, farmer/general farm, owned own farm, no school, could read/write
Sallie M., age 49, married 30 years, mother of 6 children, only three living
Hattie M., daughter, age 17, single
1900 Census, Town of Black Creek #72
Webb, Wiley, head, [born] Apr 1858, Sawmill Superinten dent
Sallie, wife, [born] Oct 1857, 6 children/ 3 living
William J., son, [born] Jan 1881
Grover, son, [born] Dec 1884
Hattie, dau., [born] Aug 1891
Ferrell, Joseph, boarder, [born] Jan 1881, Log Driver
Stancil, Samuel, boarder, [born] Oct 1873, Log Driver
Jones, Bessie, servant, [born] Sep 1882
Census 1880, Wilson Co., Saratoga Twp., Stantonsburg - Saratoga Rd.
Wiley Webb, age 21, laborer
Sallie, age 21, wife
Magnolia, age 1, daughter
(living next door to Queenetta Skinner, Sallie's mother)
Census 1870, Edgecombe Co., Otter's Creek, Sparta P.O.
Treacy Webb, age 36, keeping house
Wiley Webb, age 12, farm labor
(Living on property of Wiley Gray Webb, Treacy's brother. This is the Uncle Wiley refered to in the John Hopkins report. Wiley Gray Webb was wealthy with 1500 in real estate and 2500 in personal property.)

I have dates of birth and other info if you would like to contact me, or if Roy Webb's children would like more information please send them my email address.

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I am glad you responded with this correct information on Wiley Webb. I noted the error in the Trees but had not had time to try to correct the misinformation. I have a copy of the medical information you have quoted. It was given to me by Wiley Webb of Stantonsburg who died a few years ago. The older Wiley you mention is one I have heard about all of my life. Treacy Webb was my mother's aunt. I hope the biography will be corrected in a future edition.
Evelyn Hendricks

[Editor's notes: The Edgecombe County 1860 Census lists William Webb, 60, farmer; Julia, 42; Treacey, 21; Lousana, 5; William A., 3; Thos. Ruffin, 1; Willie Gray, 2; and John, 15. Next to this family is Willie Webb, 29, farmer (possibly the son of William, brother of Treacey after whom she named her son Wiley); Sarah, 25; Redden, 8; Amanda Ann, 7; Sally A. V., 4; Margaret, 2; and Zilla, 2 months.

The 1850 Edgecombe County Census lists William Webb, 50, farmer; Sally, 50; Betsy, 26; Wiley G., 20, farmer; Gatsy, 16; Jackey Ann, 14; Treecy, 11; Wealthy, 8; Jno. 5.

Obviously, the child in the George Washington and Catherine Ward household is not the same person. We still are unable to identify him.]

DANIEL WHITLEY OBITUARY

Contributed by Marguerite Whitley

Daniel Whitley was born on the 27th day of March, 1852, was married to Miss Olivia Lane on the 18th day of July, 1877, united with the M. E. Church South at Stantonsburg, N. C., in 1890, and died at his home near that place on the 7th day of June, 1900, leaving 4 sons and 2 daughters. His wife and one child went before him to the heavenly world.

In the death of brother Whitley, the community lost a substantial citizen, the children a kind father, and the church a good member. Several months before his death he was stricken with paralysis, from which he rallied sufficiently to again visit the house of God. Another attack, however, proved fatal, and his place is now vacant. May the Lord comfort the sorrowing ones, and may they meet father and mother and the little ones, beyond the skies!

F. B. McCall.

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Resolutions of Respect Passed by Joseph Warren Lodge No. 92, A. F. & A.M. July 5, 1900

Whereas on Thursday June 7th 1900, at his home near our Lodge, our well beloved Bro. Daniel Whitley departed this life, and entered into that peaceful rest reserved for the upright Christian Mason, and whereas, we, his surviving brethren, desire to express our deep sorrow at this sad dispensation of Divine Providence, and place on record his many virtues and noble traits of character, therefore Resolved:

1st – That Joseph Warren Lodge No. 92 mourns the loss of a faithful and devoted member, the State a loyal citizen, his family a kind and indulgent father.

2 – That we shall miss the bright link from our golden chain: we shall miss him at our Lodge meetings; we shall miss his friendly greeting, the warm grasp of his hand, his genial smile, and wise counsel, but we shall always remember his virtues and strive to imitate them.

3 – That to his bereaved family, in this hour of bitter trial, we extend our sincere sympathy, and would comfort them with the blessed hope of a happy reunion some day with their departed loved one in that bright world where sickness and sorrows and death are unknown, and where all is happiness, peace and love.

4 – That a page on the record book of our Lodge be set apart sacred to his memory, and these resolutions inscribed thereon; also that a copy of same be sent to his family, and one each to the Oxford Orphans Friend and the Wilson Times.

H. E. Thompson
William May Committee
J. W. Stancil

The envelope was addressed "To The Family of Mr. Daniel Whitley, Moyton, N. C. The return address was printed Jackson Springs Hotel, H. E. Thompson, Proprietor, Providential, N. C.

[Editor's note: Providential is not listed in the North Carolina Gazetteer. Daniel and Olivia Whitley are both buried in the Stantonsburg Town Cemetery.]

DANIEL WHITLEY FAMILY BIBLE
Contributed by Marguerite Whitley

This certifies that Daniel Whitley and Olivia Lane were united by me in the Holy Bonds Matrimony at J. A. Lane's on the 18th day of July in the year of our Lord 1876 in presence of A. B. Lane, W. H. Applewhite. Signed Rev. A. J. Findlayson, B. F. Lane

MARRIAGES

Daniel Whitley and Jeffersonia Shearard were married March 27th 1873.

John H. Whitley and Minnie Yelverton were married March 9th 1905.

Charles S. Whitley and Hattie Lancaster were married June 6th 1906.

Walter H. Crocker and Sallie N. Whitley were married Oct. 10th 1910.

Robert M. Whitley and Anna Shearard were married Nov. 25th 1913.

B. Troy Ferguson and Eulah M. Whitley were married Feb. 10th 1915.

Grace E. Crocker and Council Bynum were married Nov. 28, 1935.

Daniel Whitley and Hannah Marguerite Waldenmaier were united in marriage at St. Pauls' Episc Church in Beaufort, N. C. on April 6, 1947.

BIRTHS.

Daniel Whitly, son of D. H. Whitley, and A. M. his wife, was born 27th of March 1862

Olivia Whitley, wife of Daniel Whitley, and daughter of J. A. Lane, and Sarah his wife, was born Sept. 19th 1853.

Charley S Whitley Son of Daniel Whitley and Olivia his wife, was born May 30th 1877

John H. Whitley, Son of Daniel Whitley and Olivia his wife was born Aug. 29th 1879

Sallie N. Whitley, daughter of Daniel Whitley and Olivia his wife was born Aug. 12th 1881

Joseph Marion Whitly son of Daniel Whitly & Olivia Whitly was borned Sept 28 1883

Robert Marian Whitley Son of Daniel Whitly & O. E. Whitly his wife was borned April 15 1885

Eunlah Mariah Whitley the daughter of Daniel & Olivia his wife was born the 11 day of Nov 1887 A. D.

Appie Ruth Whitly the daughter of Daniel & Olivia Whitly his wife was born the 27 of Feb 1890 A D

DEATHS.

Jeffersonia Whitley wife of Daniel Whitley departed this life June 29th 1875

Jeffersonia S. Whitley, daughter of Daniel Whitley and Jef fersonia his wife, departed this life July 9th 1875

Olivia Whitly wife of Danie Whitly departed this life the fourth of April 1890

Ruth Whitley the daughter of Daniel & Olivia Whitley died the 16 of June 1891

Daniel Whitley husband of Olivia E. Whitley died the 7th of June 1900.

John H. Whitley the son of Daniel & Olivia Whitley died the 19th of Dec. 1937.

Charley S. Whitley the son of Daniel and Olivia Whitley died the 7th of Apr. 1941.

Joseph Marian Whitley the son of Daniel and Olivia Whitley died the 19th of June 1941

Norma Whitley Crocker, daughter of Daniel Whitley and Olivia Lane Whitley died the 28th of Aug. 1954.

Robert Macon Whitley, son of Daniel Whitley and Olivia Lane Whitley died the 4th of Feb. 1957

Eulah Mariah Whitley Ferguson, daughter of Daniel Whitley and Olivia Lane Whitley died the 14th of June 1967

MEMORANDA

Jeffersonia Whitley wife of Daniel Whitley, daughter of Wil liam Shearard and Susan his wife was born July 2nd 1848.

Jeffersonia S. Whitley, daughter of Daniel Whitley and Jeffersonia his wife, was born June 21st 1875

Grace Elizabeth Crocker daughter of Norma Whitley Crocker and Walter H. Crocker her husband was born Aug. 11th 1912.

Edwin Council Bynum Jr. son of Grace E. Crocker Bynum and E. Council Bynum her husband was born Aug. 12th 1942.

Walter Hubert Bynum son of Grace E. Crocker Bynum and E. Council Bynum her husband was born Mar. 4th 1951

Daniel Whitley son of Marguerite Waldenmaier Whitley and Daniel Whitley her husband was born Feb. 29th 1952

GO TO SEE HIM
The Wilson Times, March 4, 1914

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Dear Mr. Gold: Will you please publish this in your paper. I have been very sick. I have been here in my room what you may say helpless for five weeks and I am an old soldier. I have given several dinners to my old soldier friends, and up to this day there have not been a single old soldier to see me, but tonight I am feeling some better and if I do live to see the 8th day of August which is my 71st birthday I am going to continue to be their friends by giving them another dinner. I am here tonight almost helpless, eating out of an old tin plate and a cup which was used in the time of the war. I will be pleased if you will publish this for me and fix it right.

Yours truly,
W. H. Langley

Elm City, N. C., March 3, 1914.

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We trust that not only the old soldiers who are able to do so but others will visit my good friend who is a good farmer, a good citizen, a valiant soldier and in whose heart is the milk of human kindness.

We have always appreciated the friendship of Mr. Langley. He has ever been kind and true to the editor of *THE TIMES* and many has been the words of encouragement said to us when he came in to pay his subscription or to make a friendly call. Whenever he has given a dinner he has sent a special invitation to the editor of *THE TIMES,* but much to our regret pressure of work has kept us from attending, but now we are going to leave our business and make him a visit and we want you to do the same.—Ed. Times.

"With the old Almanack and the old Year, leave thy old Vices, tho' ever so dear." *Poor Richard's Almanack*

MT. LEBANON LODGE, M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER MEMBERS IN 1886

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Stott, D M	Member	ML Lebanon #27	Wilson, NC
Sugg, T B	Member	Mt. Lebanon #27	Wilson, NC
Strong, H R	Member	Mt. Lebanon #27	Wilson, NC

FOUND CEMETERY

Jesse T. Boyette—1879-1900
Josiah J. Boyette—1870-1896
Roscoe Boyette—1884-1885
Herman F. Matthews—1909-1910, son of W. O. Matthews and Addie.
The Boyette brothers were the sons of Thomas H. Boyette and Edith.

[Editor's note: This cemetery, found off Hwy 301, had to be moved for highway construction. Edith Boyette was the daughter of Elias and Jane Lamm. Addie Matthews was the daughter of Ruffin and Sallie Lamm.]

FITZGERALD RESEARCH REPORT

Carol Forbes

A list member had a query March 16, 2003, regarding Thomas Lloyd Fitzgerald. I did not find the person he was looking for but did find this Fitzgerald info.

Marriages

Walter Fitzgerald married Hattie Darden. License issued on Jan. 25, 1902. Male: 29, white, Wilson Co. resident. Female: 24, white, Harnett Co. resident. Marriage performed by Simon Barnes, J. P. on Jan. 26, 1902 at Simon Barnes, Spring Hill. Witnessed by E. A, High, A. S. Barnes and S. C. Barnes.

Source: page 293, *Marriages of Wilson County, 1855-1899*, J. Robert Boykin

Wm. P. Fitzgerald married Nancy Barber. Marriage performed by J. L. Barnes, J.P. on Sept. 01, 1859 at George Barber's.

Source: page 293 Boykin, *Marriages* ....

J. B. Clements, son of Wiley and Aspa Clements, married Nancy Fitzgerald, daughter of Joe and Harrett Barbee. Marriage performed by P. D. Gold, Min., on Jan. 1, 1872, at Nancy Fitzgerald's.

Source: page 181, Boykin, *Marriages* ...

W. C. Hewlett married Ginnie Fitzgerald. (License issued on Jan 10, 1881) Male: 21, white, Wilson Co resident. Female: 20, white, Wilson Co resident. Marriage performed by J. H. Quinn, M. of M.E.C. So., on Jan 11, 1881, at residence of J. B. Clements in Wilson Co. Witnessed by: R. Wyatt, Moses Dew and H. W. Peel.

Source: Boykin, *Marriages,* page 352.

Burials

Thomas Fitzgerald (CTC) Evergreen Memorial. Gardens, Wilson NC., Born 08 Oct. 1911, Died 03 March 1984.

Source: *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. III*, page 224

Elizabeth H. Fitzgerald, born, 24 Dec 1886, died, 17 July 1968, "Mother" (SD)

James Morgan Fitzgerald, born 12 Jan 1885, died 05 March 1973. (NXD)

Jonathan Langley Fitzgerald, born 16 Aug 1991, died, 27 Aug 1991. "Little ones to Him belong" buried area (E).

Julian L. Fitzgerald, born, 14 Sept 1916, died, 26 Oct 1967, "NC PVT Co B 774 TD BN World War II" (SD).

Martha Corinna Haynes Fitzgerald, born, 26 Jan 1923, died, 28 July 1973, "Wife of J. M. Fitzgerald, Jr. (NXD).

Mary Womack Fitzgerald, born, 14 Sept 1880, died, 25 June 1966, "Wife of J. M. Fitzgerald (NXD).

Source: *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries IV*, Maplewood Cemetery, page 86. The letters at the end of each Maplewood burial listing indicate the area of the grave.

Census

1860 Wilson County Federal Census, Town of Wilson, page 40.

370 W. P. Fitzgerald, 23, m, carpenter, VA (born in Virginia), married within the year

Nancy Fitzgerald, 19, f, NC, (born in North Carolina), married within the year.

1870 Wilson Co Fed Census, Town of Wilson, page 210.

344 Joseph Barber, 60, m, w, Farmer, eligible to vote (that is, male citizen of US 21 years & older)

Harriett Barber, 50, f, w, Keeping house
Nancy Fitzgerald, 30, f, w, Teaching school, 700
Virginia Fitzgerald, 9, f, w, At home
Jesse Fitzgerald, 7, m, w
William Barber, 26, m, w, Carpenter, e

1870 Wilson County Federal Census, Town of Wilson, page 225

060 Arsenal Skinner, 53, f, w, Keeping house, 1,800, NC
Sarah Fitzgerald, 25, f, w, At home
Willis Skinner, 16, m, w, Clerk in store
Wm. Fitzgerald, 02, m, w, 500
Virgil Fitzgerald, 4, m, w,
Luna Fitzgerald, 10/12, f, w, b. Sep

1880 Wilson County Census, page 197, J. Robert Boykin,

98/98 Wilson, Spring St.

J. B. Clements, 49, m, w, merchant/tailor, NC
Nancy, wife, 40, f, NC
Ella, dau., 7, NC
John A., son, 5, NC
Lanora, dau., 2, NC
Rutha A., dau., 5 months, NC
V. C. Fitzgerald, w, (dau.), 19, NC
Jessie Fitzgerald, w, (son), age 17, m, NC, clerk in store.

Not found in 1900 Wilson Fed Census.

[Editor's Note: C. W. Fitzgerald, 18, resident of Wilson County, enlisted as a private in Company F, 4th NC Regiment on February 20, 1862, in Wilson County. He transferred to Captain Pegram's Company, Virginia Light Artillery, on December 28, 1863.

William P. Fitzgerald was born in Cumberland County, Virginia, and resided in Wilson County when he enlisted for Confederate service on June 28, 1861, at the age of 24. He was mustered into Company F, 4th NC Regiment as a sergeant. On November 20, 1861, he began "extra daily duty as a Carpenter" and from January 1 through 25, 1862, he was a carpenter on duty at Camp Pickens, Virginia, and received furlough on the 29th. He was wounded in the thigh at Gaines' Mill, Virginia, on June 27, 1862, and admitted to General Hospital at Farmville, Virginia. He returned to duty on January 20, 1863. He was wounded again at Chancellorsville, Virginia, on May 3, 1863, received at Wayside Hospital or General Hospital #9 in Richmond. From there he was sent to Howard's Grove and died on May 19, 1863, from those wounds. His widow filed claim for settlement with the Auditor of the Confederate States War Department on August 13, 1864.

The supplement to the *History of Wilson County and Its Families* contains an article on the Thomas Lloyd Fitzgerald family. According to that, Thomas Lloyd Fitzgerald, son of Ezra Maxwell and Christine Houston Fitzgerald, was born in Dunn, Harnett Co., N. C. His mother was a native of Wilson County. T. L. attended Atlantic Christian College in Wilson then went to work for the Wilson post office as the Financial Clerk, retiring 31 years later. T. L. married Mildred Davis, daughter of Grover Stephenson and Louria Pearl Davis Davis, on August 8, 1937, in Wilson. Mildred was born in Fremont, Wayne County, North Carolina.

This editor attended and graduated from high school in Wilson with his son Thomas Lloyd Fitzgerald, III, now deceased. He was an outstanding all around student and is greatly missed by his classmates.]

OLD THIGPEN LETTER

From the Hugh B. Johnston files

(This letter was made available by Mrs. Emma O. Knight of Wilson. The letter was written to Alice Thigpen who married V. B. Knight of Edgecombe County, and it mentions Ed Thigpen who lived in Wilson and whose son Roland D. Thigpen now lives in Greenville, and also Fannie Thigpen who married Dr. George C. Powell of Terrell, Texas. Mrs. Powell died on February 28, 1948, leaving a son George C. Powell, Jr., of Dallas, who, it is reported, plans to send his daughter to the University of North Carolina.

(The Thigpens are an old family in North Carolina and all descend from James Thigpen who was granted land in Perquimans Precinct in 1668. One branch had settled in Edgecombe County by October 18, 1765, when James Thigpen married Lydia Mayo, bonded by John Thigpen. Three Thigpen wills were recorded at Tarboro prior to 1856: Gilead died in 1838, James died in 1848/9, and Lemuel died in 1841. Thirty-five or more marriages were recorded prior to 1868.

("These Thigpens were certainly autocratic," said Mrs. Knight. "When sons did not toe the mark as parental authority deemed should be done, or marred the Thigpen honor, etc., they were completely and forever banished, not just from the county, but from the State, and none of them were ever allowed to come back according to existing records. One cannot imagine it; not in this day and time.")

Daingerfield, Texas
Feb. 2nd 1873

My Dear Cousin Alice,

My Brother Fed received a letter from you some time since, but owing to his timidity he has never answered it and has now requested me to do it. You must not expect an interesting letter from me, for the war has robbed me of an education. I ran away from Mother when I was but 14 years of age and joined the army. Then I should have been at school. I married the first year after the war closed. Therefore you will see that I have not had much time to improve myself much. I would like very much indeed to see my North Carolina relatives. I was in Washington Co. a few years ago. They told me a great deal about my relative's Uncle Jobe's family; could tell me a great deal. Ben had your Father's & Mother's pictures. I came very near visiting you all two years ago. I was in Tennessee. I have wished since that I had. I was very sorry to hear of Uncle Kenneth's death, for I wished very much to see him. I imagined I would love him better than all my Uncles. Uncle Ashley married again after living a widower twenty years. He has a little girl; her name is Lydia. Do you know anything about Edd Thigpen? He was living at Wilson, N. C. Is Marion Thigpen still in the asylum?

We have had some very bitter cold weather; had a heavy snow last week. It is very cold today. We have one little girl; her name is Fannie; she is going on seven years old, is going to school, goes half the way by herself. I think she is a very smart child (the fault of every parent, you know). She is reading in her Second Reader. I intend giving her an education.

I expect ere this you have married. If you have, write to me and let me know. Send us your picture if you please. I know from your description of yourself that you are a beautiful girl. We are going to Jefferson in a few days, and if we can we will send you our pictures. Fed is married, has two children. John is married, has three children. I have but one Sister. She is nearly grown but very timid. She does not take after me at all. I have the name of being very wild and forward.

Well, I will bring my uninteresting letter to a close, for I know you are quite tired of trying to read this badly written letter. Do not do as I or we have done but write immediately after receiving this and do not forget to send us your picture.

I am ever your very dear cousin,

Kenneth Thigpen

If ever you should come to Texas, be sure to pay us a visit. We are living 7 miles east of Dangerfield. We will be glad to see you at any time. I already feel as if I were acquainted with you and I know that I love you as well as if I had known you always. I can see by reading your letter that you are worthy of anyone's love. Therefore I cannot help but love you and will ever your affectionate cousin be.

Kenneth Thigpen

Much love to all the family and connections. My wife sends her love to you.

CLIPS FROM THE PAST.....the way we were!

by the Luke C. Tedder Family

CLIPS FROM THE PAST will take readers back to the 18th Century when Sallie Ann Hawley born November 1, 1873, and Luke Tedder born November 11, 1865, were married at James Hawley's on Christmas day 1888 in Spring Hill Township.

The setting where the stories begin is shown on the cover photo of the book which shows the birthplace of Luke C. Tedder. The house is located about one mile west of Rock Ridge School in Wilson County. Luke C. Tedder lived in the house where he was born until he married Victoria Lewis in Dillon, South Carolina on May 27, 1921. Ten daughters and three sons were born to Luke and Victoria who were tenant farmers on the Tedder family farmland.

The family book of stories embraces memories of kinfolk that served their country during World War I, World War II, and in peaceful times. Remembrances of the Great Depression during the 1930's are woven into meaningful recollections of President Herbert Hoover. Events at the Confederate Monument at Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson are highlights of this lively Tedder family. The story of the 1927 SnowStorm reveals how the family survived difficult times.

Life in the large family of Luke C. and Victoria Tedder was and still is active to the utmost. The families are a mirror of the past. Stories in the book reflect sound training by Christian parents that live on through the good times and through adversities.

Many memories are recorded in *CLIPS FROM THE PAST* that will make one appreciate his/her heritage. Some of the memories will make you laugh. Some will make you cry. Four pages of the book are featured at www.historypreserved.com. A copy of the book is in the Genealogy and Local History Room at Wilson County Public Library and North Carolina State Archives.

Sally Ruth Tedder Hill

"Resolution: Resolve to perform what you ought. Perform without fail what you resolve." *Poor Richard's Almanack*

JESSE BARNES CONFEDERATE VETERANS CAMP ROSTER, page 5

Contributed by M. M. "Monk" Moore

[Editor's note: This is page 5 of 6 pages. The series began in August 2003.]

Nadal, Ed. W.	
Nunn, B. F.	
Owens, John G.	
Oliver, Daniel	
O'Neal, Exum	Co, B, 10th NC Bat.
O'Neal, Charles	
Pate, T. J.	Co. D, 4th NC
Pate, Stephen	
Privett, Jas. A.	Co, K, 24th NC Inf.
Pittman, W. T.	
Parker, C.	
Patton, H. D,	
Pittman, James	Co. G, 5th NC Inf.
Parker, A. J.	Co. G, 13th NC
Pender, W. Ed	Co. A, 55th NC
Pace, E. M.	Co. B, 18th Va.
Peel, J. W.	Co. E, 50th NC
Peel, Stephen	
Perry, Wiley	Co. H, 59th NC
Rhodes, E. B.	
Raper, L. T.	Co. C, 67th NC
Ruffin, John K.	49th NC
Renfrow, Ruffin	Co. D, 38th NC
Raper, Robert	Co. H, 4th NC Cav.
Ruffin, Gray	Co. I, 17th NC Inf.
Raper, Martin	
Rawls, Jno. R.	3rd Va. Cav.
Rodgers, Asa	Co. A, 22nd La.
Ryals, Peter	
Renfrow, J. Hardy	Co. I, 67th NC
Rogers, W. E.	Co. B, 40th NC
Robbins, M. D.	Co. I, 17th NC Inf.
Rose, W. T.	Co. B, 2nd NC Inf.
Reason, Raleigh	Co. D, 2nd NC Inf.
Ruff, John	Co. A, 3rd NC
Stott, Bunyan	Co. B, 2nd NC
Sharp, J. G.	Co. H, 40th NC
Snakenburg, W. P.	Co. K, 14th La.
Scott, B. A.	Co. H, 2nd NC
Scott, B, N	
Strickland, J. L.	Co. A, 47th NC
Sharp, W. G.	Co. E, 2nd NC
Sneed, W. B.	Co. E, 47th NC
Skinner, Jesse L.	Co, B, 2nd NC
Strickland, M. A.	Co. D, 40th NC
Simpson, Jesse	Co. E, 2nd NC Cav.
Stott, J. H.	
Scott, Blaney A.	Co. A, 55th Inf.
Stokes, J. F.	Co. H, 16th NC Cav.
Swindell, F. D.	
Thompson, B. E.	Co. E, 2nd NC Cav.

W. P. SNAKENBERG OBITUARY

The Wilson Times, May 23, 1916

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Mr. W. P. Snakenberg

At four-thirty this morning the death angel claimed the spirit of Mr. W. P. Snakenberg. Mr. Snakenberg has been in poor health for some two or three years and for the past several weeks it has been evident that the end was drawing near.

The deceased was a charter member of Mt. Lebanon Lodge 117 A. F. and A. M. and has held the important position of Sentinel from its formation to the time of his death. He is also Past Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandry K. T. of N. C.

Mr. Snakenberg was born in New Orleans, La., in the year 1844. His Father was a German veteran and his mother a niece of John Paul Jones of Revolutionary fame. In 1861 he enlisted in Company K, 14th Louisiana volunteers under the command of Col. Victor Soulakoschi. His regiment becoming a part of Nichols' brigade, Jackson's corps.

He has been a faithful member of the Christian church for thirty years. He leaves three children to mourn their loss, Mrs. W. T. Holden of this city and Messrs. E. F. and W. W. Snakenberg of Raleigh.

The funeral party will start from the home of Mr. W. T. Holden, 618 West Gold street at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and proceed to the Christian church where the funeral services will be conducted by his pastor, Mr. Richard Bagby. The remains will then be taken to Maplewood and interred with Masonic honors.

[Editor's note: W. P. Snakenberg, 36. was first listed in the Wilson County Census in 1880. At that time, he was a machinist living on Nash Street in the Town of Wilson. His wife and children were listed with initials: wife D. J., 34; daughter H. L., 12; sons A. D., 9; E. F., 4; C. P., 2. In the 1900 census, William B. Snakenbirg, a justice of peace, born Dec. 1845, married 35 years, born in Louisiana, father born in Germany, mother born in Ohio, lived in Wilson Township. His wife, Delphia was born August 1847, was born in N. C. as were her parents. They had five children living of eight births. Two children lived with them—Kattie, born March 1882, and Willie, born May 1884. Living next to them, were John D. Snakenbirg, printer, born March 1870, father born in Louisiana, mother born in N. C. His wife Nellie, born in December 1870, had given birth to two children. He had married Nellie Pittman on November 22, 1892. Their children in 1900 were John D., born August 1895, and Robert L., born September 1897.

The marriage of W. T. Halden, 28, to Alice L. Snakenberg, 27, was performed by D. W. Davis of the Church of Christ on April 14, 1897. Witnesses were J. S. Smith, J. R. Boykin, and J. T. Barnes. John Snakenburg must have died shortly after the 1900 Census as a record is found of the marriage of Mrs. Nellie Snakenburg, 34, to D. M. Davis, 32, on March 17, 1903, at Wilson Township. The marriage was performed by Jno. B. Jones, Chris. Min., and the witnesses were W. P. Crom, P. G. Loomis, and W. P. Snakenburg.

William P. Snakenberg's marker in Maplewood Cemetery reads b. 1846, interred May 24, 1916, "Co K 14 LA INF C.S.A" (CSA marker). Also buried there was Edward Franklin Snakenberg, born May 5, 1876, died February 28, 1952, Printer, Mason; his wife Kathleen M., born February 6, 1889, died June 27, 1971; and their son Claudius, born December 30, 1904, died December 16, 1905.

W. T. Holden may have been William T. Holden, 11, the son of Samuel Holden, 38, farmer, and his wife Millicent, age 35, in Gardners Township in the 1880 Wilson County Census. The other children were Annie, 6; Lulu, 6; and Charles W.

(Names are recorded here as they appear in the abstracts.)]

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The WCGS met on November 25, 2003 with Sue Powell residing for her last time as this was the last meeting of the year. Albert Page,who was visiting from Utah, was welcomed as a visitor. The Minutes were approved as written in the last issue of Trees, and Henry Powell gave a very brief treasurer's report telling us that sales had been better than usual due to a price reduction in some of our stock items and sales made at the meeting in Zebulon last month. A full treasurer's report will be given in January.

The 2004 calendar is now available for sales but in limited quantities due to a printing problem, and the mailing to the membership is delayed until more are available. There are some placed at our downtown library and at Boykin Antiques. The census and cemetery books are still on sale until the end of December, and the *Architectural Heritage of Wilson County* book is available for purchase at a price of $21.40 (including tax).

The editors of Trees are looking for articles, and members are invited to submit material which could be used. It can provide a wider range of subjects and reader interest, so think about contributing!!!!!!!!!

The board has decided to give an additional set of census and cemetery books to the Wilson County Public Library thus making it easier for researchers to share and will enable the library to have the older set bound when needed.

In the Annual Reports, our president reported that we have 212 members at this time. There were 23 non renewals in 2003 and 24 new members. Ten issues of Trees were printed. The mailing consisted of 29 complimentary copies and 8 copies shared with other societies thus making a mailing list of 249 each month. The old calendars have been reduced to $5.00 plus shipping. Sue and Henry Powell have had an article in the Daily Times each month on local families. A brief report was given on the programs for the past year, book sales and progress on the work on Founding Families which is due to be printed in 2005.

The officers were installed for the coming year:
President: Carol Forbes
Vice President: Sue Powell
Secretary: Frances Roberson
Treasurer: Henry Powell
Board Members: Mary Ann Sheak (to complete Carol Forbes 2 year term) and Judy O'Neal (3 years)

Carol Forbes gave a brief list of the programs for next year, and Sue expressed her thanks to the group with a special one to Grace Turner who leaves the board after a number of years.

Sue and Henry Powell served refreshments that consisted of samplings from England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland as well as from our colonial period, the pioneer days, and some confederate fare. Sue also read us some sayings and hints from their collection of books on cooking. Grace Turner provided the table settings. What a wonderful way to end the WCGS year!

Frances Roberson, Secretary

Queries

Questions about Wilson County families may be e-mailed to WilsonNC@yahoogroups.com or to ancestor@wcgs.org.

To become a member of the list, visit our web site at http://www.wcgs.org. Go to the "discussion" section to view previous queries and answers or to join the group or post a query.

WCGS members have full posting privileges for the E-group. Queries from non-members may be posted on the internet discussion group at the discretion of WCGS.

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The WCGS board members met for the last time this year on Thursday November 13 at the home of Henry and Sue Powell with Sue presiding in her final board meeting for this term and Grace Turner's last meeting as a board member. Grace will be missed!!!!

A book inventory was presented, and there was a discussion about any possible reprints. An addendum and a reprint of Cemeteries IV will be investigated. The remaining number of copies for the 1860 census, Cemetery I and Cemetery IV is small. It was decided to see what Joan Howell will be willing to do about the 1900 census before a decision is made on a reprint of that.

Gifts of a copy of the 1860 census, the 1870 census and one of each of the four cemetery books are to be made to our library.

The 2004 calendar is almost ready for printing, and we will print 300 with the suggestions of placing copies in our library, some Stantonsburg locations (including their library) and Durwood Stancil, Inc. in the hopes of increasing sales. The 2002 and 2003 calendar inventory is of concern and so a price reduction to $5.00 was approved.

Program suggestions were made for the coming year. Some of the names mentioned to be contacted were Guy Potts, David Gammon and Drucey Simpson. The June program will be a social as in the past, and Deborah Turner will find us a location. Keith Barnes will be asked to install the officers and to take pictures at our WCGS November meeting.

Frances Roberson, Secretary
November 16, 2003

COLD WEATHER from Hugh Johnston Files

(A newspaper clipping of 1893 summarized several instances of very cold weather in eastern North Carolina.)

"The cold Saturday night," presumably January 3, 1835, was the climax after sleet, ice, and snow had blocked every highway in this area. People had been using snow sledges to get about, but the coach roads were back in use by the night in question.

Next in severity was "the great snow of 1857, which destroyed nearly all the wild fowl, and the cheery whistle of Bob White was heard no more for several years."

In December 1892 and January 1893, "In severity, suffering and destruction it has never been surpassed within living memory."

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TREES OF WILSON

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President's Message

The Old Soldiers' Home in Raleigh, NC, was originally located on the corner of Polk and Bloodworth streets and was a rented house. It was a home for indigent and infirm veterans or their widows or orphans. Each county was responsible for paying the cost of housing its veterans in the home at the same cost of maintaining them in its poorhouse.

The first home opened October 15, 1890, housing five veterans. W. C. Stronach acted as superintendent under the direction of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

In 1891, the General Assembly established the Soldiers' Home association, to be governed by seven directors, and appropriated $3,000 for the Homes' support. The "inmates" from the Home at Polk and Bloodworth streets were moved to Camp Russell (formerly Pettigrew Hospital) at the corner of New Bern Avenue and Tarboro Road. The 1891 legislature also suggested that a museum for Confederate relics and records should be established at the Home.

In 1901, a new dormitory was built to provide better housing for the 70 inmates. Appropriations were increased to $13,000 by 1905. The enrollment had grown to 170 veterans, and another dormitory was constructed to supplement the main dormitory and several cottages.

In 1914, a wing was added to the hospital, and a hot water-heating plant was built the next year. By this time, there were over 15 structures on the six-acre complex, and appropriation for 1915 was $35,000. Enrollments increased, 209 inmates in 1917, and 188 inmates in 1919. Appropriations rose to $60,000 a year during J. A. Wiggs four term as superintendent.

As enrollment declined, appropriations decreased. In 1934, enrollment was down to 20 veterans. The total dropped to five inmates in 1937. The last resident went to live with friends in 1938 and was placed on the pension roll with the other 180 veterans who were receiving a pension.

The Home closed in August 1938. The National Youth Administration and the Raleigh Recreation Commission used the buildings until 1940 when most of the buildings were torn down.

More can be found on the Old Soldiers' Home by going to http://www.rootsweb.com/~ncwake/history.htm. Click on the picture of the Old Soldiers' Home to learn more about it. My great-grandfather was a resident of the historic home having gone there because of declining health. He died there in 1913.

Carol M. Forbes, WCGS President

JANUARY WCGS MEETING WAS CANCELLED

The January WCGS meeting was cancelled due to a winter storm. The program has been tentatively rescheduled for September.

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WILSON WATERWAYS MAP—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contributed by J. Albert Bass, Jr.

The two streams that branch off Great Swamp below Gourd Branch are Basses Swamp and Penwrite Swamp. Basses Swamp being that toward the west and Penwrite Swamp being that to the east. Most of the area drained by these waterways is in Wayne County.

Wheat Swamp, I have found identified on old deeds as Pocosin Branch. I understand that such is a rather generic term.

What you have identified as Cedar Branch or Cabin Branch, is sometimes known as Great Cabin Branch. What you have identified as Horn's Mill Branch, is sometimes known as Little Cabin Branch.

Marshall Daniel had an old map which identified the waterway which drains the area west of Black Creek (town) as Basses Branch. There is a pond shown on your map, but no water way.

FEBRUARY 24 WCGS MEETING

We will meet again at Durwood Stancil Refrigeration at 3425 Ward Blvd. in Wilson, at 7 pm on Tuesday, February 24th.

The program will be presented by Julia Mullikin Batchelor and Nelson Stewart Lockey, president and vice-president of the Down East Scottish Society. This relatively new organization was established to bring together Scottish descendants living in Nash, Edgecombe, Halifax, and Wilson Counties.

The program will include general Scottish history, information on the Cape Fear Scots, an overview of Scottish families that came to North Carolina, and how to do basic Scottish research. They will probably tell us of their plans for Tartan Day, April 6, 2004. Nelson Lockey will be wearing his Stewart clan tartan.

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Family Connections - *Wilson Daily Times*

THE TIDEWATER TRAIL

Some readers may recall that our local Genealogical Society is preparing a new publication to be entitled ***Founding Families of Wilson County.*** Scheduled for publication in 2005, this book will detail the origins of about 350 families who resided in Wilson County at the time of its formation in 1855. The publication date is set to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of our county in 2005.

Our column this month follows the first known settler into what is now Wilson County, John Thomas. We present this as an example of the route which brought settlers onto the dusty, muddy road to a new land, and the way they got here.

The Thomas family came from the little country of Wales which has been part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain for over 800 years. Originally a Celtic stronghold, this green hilly land was conquered by England in the 13th century. Wales still retains its native language which is based on the ancient Celtic tongue of stone-age cave man populations that came to Great Britain thousands of years ago. The later Roman invasion of Britain pushed the native Celts into the far corners of the island where they remain today. Wales is a poor country with high unemployment. The mineral resources have been plundered, and farming is limited because of the terrain. Old Celtic family traditions divided the land between all sons in a family causing a situation that was dire by the 16th century. King Henry VII, a Welshman himself, recognized the problem and imposed the law of primogeniture upon the country of Wales. This meant that only the eldest son would inherit the family property, leaving the younger sons to fend for themselves.

The effect of this law was to send large numbers of young Welshmen to the new Colony of Virginia where they could acquire their own land and make a living for themselves. A John Thomas arrived in Jamestown on the Sea Venture in 1610, having boarded ship probably in Plymouth where the captain stopped for supplies before making the ocean crossing. We know that this John was descended from Welsh nobility in the County of Carmarthen in southwest Wales where he was born about 1585.

Yet another John Thomas, born 1606 in Wales, arrived in Virginia aboard the Southampton in 1622. By the time he came of age, he began to acquire land in York County (now Hampton) eventually holding a thousand acres. His son, John, Jr., b.1628, moved up river and settled near Chuckatuck in Nansemond County. His son, Richard, b.1648, left four children, including John, b. 1668, who married Mary Lawrence, and they had another John, b. 1705, who married Christenater Roberts.

Land was running out in tidewater Virginia, and the time had come to migrate again. In 1741, John patented 300 acres of land on White Oak Creek at Toisnot Swamp in Edgecombe (now Wilson) County. This land was part of an earlier grant of 20,000 acres to Lewis Conner of Nansemond County from King Charles. Conner died, and his son disposed of the grant in pieces, with Thomas' being only a small part. Much of the rest was granted to the Tartt family who later sold the land to the Woodard family who still own some of it.

We became interested in the route taken by Thomas and others from Nansemond County to get to Wilson. We visited Suffolk a few weeks ago looking for clues. (All of Nansemond County is now the City of Suffolk.) We started in the village of Chuckatuck. The harbor there on the Nansemond River silted up centuries ago, but the little town remains a rural center, and there is a good road south into the actual town of Suffolk several miles away.

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(**Tidewater Trail** *continued from page 14)*

In Suffolk we found remnants of the old wharf (now being rebuilt) on another arm of the Nansemond River where hundreds of settlers landed in the years after Jamestown, right beside the main street which continues on south through town. There are no colonial structures remaining in the town, but it is possible to trace a number of our local families to land grants within a mile or so of the old wharf.

Leaving Suffolk behind, we pass through the edge of the Dismal Swamp and into North Carolina's Gates County. A steady stream of old houses clearly shows the age of this migration route. Veering to the west, we soon arrive in Rich Square, made prominent in the 1700s by its Quaker settlement there. Turning south again, we pass Scotland Neck and Tarboro, and soon arrive at Thomas Farms, about a two hour drive from Suffolk.

It probably took several weeks by oxcart, horse and wagon, and ferry for John and Christenater to make the first journey in 1741. There are two major river crossings, the Chowan and the Roanoke. The journey would likely be made in late summer when the rivers were low. There were probably inns along the way in later years, but John and Christenater probably made do with bed rolls in their wagons. This was new, unsettled country, and they had to bring everything with them that they would ever need.

It is worthy of note that this migration route is almost completely flat with hardly any hills at all. We hear stories of families who took to the water, down the Chowan River to Albemarle Sound and up the Tar River to Old Sparta in Edgecombe County. It would be possible to start one's migration from the heart of Isle of Wight County by water, and there were certainly families who traveled this way. We suspect that many chose the land route for moving household and farming goods while sending the women and children by water if they could afford to do so.

For our local readers who may not be familiar with the area, Thomas Farms still stands on Rt. 42, about 2 miles east of Wilson. There is a historic marker there. The farm is private property, so it is not possible to visit. There is an old dwelling near the front of the property which may be one of the early Thomas homes. No documentation has been found for this.

Henry & Sue Powell

HAWKINS BOYKIN OBITUARY

The Wilson Times, June 27, 1917

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Mr. Hawkins Boykin.

Mr. Hawkins Boykin, a prominent citizen of Johnston county, passed away yesterday at his home near Moore's schoolhouse. He has spent a useful life and dies at the ripe old age of 87 years. His funeral will be conducted with Masonic honors.

Mr. Boykin was never married, and he had one brother and two sisters, who lived to ripe old ages, who also remained single all their lives. His two sisters died following each other within 24 hours and were buried at the same time. His brother also preceded him to the spirit land.

Mr. Boykin was a brave Confederate soldier and joined the Masons in Wilson before the war.

HEIRS OF MR. DICKINSON

Hugh Johnston Files

(Envelope)

Doctor Andrew McCreory
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The Post Master at Natchez will please forward this Letter and oblige

Jos. Philips

June 18th 1816

Dr. Sir

The Object of this Communication is to let you know of the death of Mrs. McCrarey father Old Mr Dickinson hee departed this life too wekes tomorow knight this is mundey, and what may Consern you heir, the inclosed you will See 8 in Number is left to be devided between his 3 daughters at the Old lady death, a few days before his death hee give his Sun Jacob a fellow by the name of Jerey, had not that bin done hee also wold bin to Mrs McCay, Mrs. Dollison and Mrs McCrarey

This day Thomas Dickinson has Com to a Comprimise with the Old lady to relinchment of all hur Clame to what the Old Jentleman left hur Jinney and hur Children is included, the releas for Jinney and hur Children Cost Thomas $150 hee Ses and has ortherrisd me to rite you to that a mount, as Jerey was given out of his Sisters parts hee is willing to pay the $150 and give up Jinney and hur Children to be devided know as left by the will at the Old ladys death, I have Stated as you will See what I think them worth, you will See thire age and names you will Say wether you are willing They all goes together, and wether you are willing to tax your parte of that Sum for your Shar or not and wether you are willing to give more for them and what payments, and if nothing or this is done they must be Equally devided betwen Poley Charity and Mrs. McCrarey, as Such you will doo well to Opinte a agent heir to act for you and you will doo well to give that agent instructns what to doo, & then to devide or Sel or by for you, and Say what you are willing to give, the Sum named by you to your agent you Can keepe to your Self and hee Can doo for you as he wold doo for him Self, your instructions on this hed Cant be resevd to Soon.

The above is all that Conserns you, we are all in as good helth as youshal presents my respets to Mrs. McCrarey Except the same your Self and beleave me to be yours in frend Ship----

Joseph Philips

[Editor's Note: Mr. Johnston's file of old letters did not include any information about this letter, and his Dickinson family file did not include a family with siblings named Thomas, Jacob, Polly (nickname for Mary), and Charity.

A search in our database that we call Wilson Connections, an extensive file of persons related by blood or marriage who have ties to Wilson County, produced this family that seems to fit. Jacob Dickinson and wife Mourning Thomas, who was born in Edgecombe County and was daughter of Joseph and Mourning Pope Thomas, had daughters Sarah, Jane, Mary, and Charity, and sons Jacob, Jr., Isaac, Milbry, and Thomas.]

Lights, camera, close-up

A film about a life in 'The Business'

By Marc Dadigan staff writer, October 10, 2003
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin III

VERO BEACH - As Jack Morton listened to an interviewer's questions about his days as a fraternity brother at George Washington University, he struggled to answer, his eyes gleaming with nostalgia.

When you've lived for almost a century, telling your life story can be a bit overwhelming.

"I came to D.C. with $300. It was every dime I had," he said and then paused. "The memories: There are so many of them."

Lights were shining brightly on Morton Wednesday inside the Riverside Children's Theatre as a pair of filmmakers began shooting a documentary called "Ask Jack!" that will chronicle Morton's life from his humble beginnings as a North Carolina farm boy to his rise as a prominent entertainment producer in the 1940s and '50s.

"It's a great story; it's a true American success story. He develops a specialty in booking talent at conventions and he produces some very lavish shows," Producer Paul Ringenberger said.

Ringenberger initially knew little of Morton's story when the Morton family hired him to start researching a possible book about their patriarch. But the more he befriended Morton, the more he thought his story belonged on film, he said. "It was just fascinating because he's famous among the famous, but most people don't know who he is," Ringenberger.

While the Morton's success is worthy of documentation, Ringenberger and the director he added to the project, Aaron Wells, have also been captivated by Morton's "spicy personality" and mischievous stories.

The 93-year-old recalled how as a college student he formed the John Morton Orchestra even though he couldn't play an instrument or sing a note. Though it didn't stop him from conducting the band's first performance.

"I was horrible," he said. "I was just waving my arms, and the first 10 minutes the band was just trying to stop laughing."

He even went so far as to join the musicians' union. Asked what instrument he played, he said he had banged on a drum once.

"Then they said well then you're a drummer," he said, adding he carried the union card for years.

Morton was born June 6, 1910, to a tenant farmer in North Carolina, where his father "worked the land but never owned it," Ringenberger said.

After saving some money and starting at George Washington University, Morton recalled Wednesday how he started booking talent when the intrafraternity council asked him to find bands for its dances. Not knowing where to begin, Morton auditioned and hired an all-black band recommended by the black cook at his fraternity house, causing quite a stir.

From there, Morton eventually began producing shows and booking talent for some of the biggest convention in the country, including those held by the Teamsters and General Motors. Among the stars he considered close friends were George Burns, Carol Burnett, Bob Hope and Bob Newhart, Ringenberger said. Some of those celebrities who are still alive will be interviewed for the project, he added.

In 1939, Morton founded the Jack Morton Co., (eventually becoming New York-based Jack Morton Enterprises), one of the biggest marketing firms in the world and producers of the opening ceremonies of the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.

Morton moved to the Vero Beach area in 1972 as a winter resident, helping to open the children's theater, which is also named after his wife, Anne Morton. He became a permanent resident four years ago.

Actor Chris O'Donnell, of the "Batman" movies and "Scent of a Woman," will be narrating the film and learned of the project through his wife, who is also Morton's granddaughter, Ringenberger said.

While Wells and Ringenberger will be searching through the Morton family archives and photo albums, this week they were focused on shooting Morton and recording his memories.

One can almost see Morton's mind sifting through dusty volumes in a mental library of memories and past deeds, searching for the appropriate story. After a particularly long pause, Ringenberger assured Morton they only had a few minutes of filming left.

"Take your time," he said. "I'm not going anywhere I haven't been." - marc.dadiqan@scripps.com

A PART OF A LANDMARK

***The Wilson Times*, September 17, 1915**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

The house partially destroyed by fire yesterday about noon was a section of the Wilson Collegiate Institute building which was built about 1855 when Wilson was a mere infant, merely a cross roads. This school which educated many of the leading men and women of this and other states was built by the leading men of this section who early realized the great value of an education and the cultivation of the minds of the people.

Such noted educators as Dr. Deems, Dr. Hooper, Prof. Gillespie, Dr. Edwin Nadal, Elder Sylvester Hassell and Prof. Silas E. Warren, the last one to conduct the school taught in this building an imposing structure, resting in a grove of beautiful oaks with ample play grounds at the side and rear, while in front of the building there were beautiful flowers and shrubbery.

If our memory serves us correctly Prof. Warren was the last to conduct a school in the building and then the property passed to Dr. N. B. Herring who cut up the school building into sections, placing them around on the lot and since then other residences have been erected, until few signs remain of the historic pile which the old heads remember with respect and veneration, for it was there that many of them were coddled, cajoled and frequently sterner stuff was administered.

The timber for this building was cut by Mr. Marshburn, father of Mr. James Marshburn of this city, who cut the timber for a number of buildings erected in this city at that time.

[Editor's note: The only remaining portion of the Wilson Collegiate Institute will hopefully become a museum containing historical artifacts of Wilson. The local UDC chapter has been raising money towards this goal for several years. They have recently received permission to move the building to donated land on Goldsboro Street.]

ASK JACK!

Wilson, NC Era

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Contributed by J. Robert Boykin III

I was born Irvin Leonidas Morton on June 6th, 1910 in Wilson, North Carolina. I was one of five children of Irvin L. and Gertrude Riggs Morton. My father was a sharecropper-that's a man who does all the work but doesn't own the land. My father grew tobacco- and not just any tobacco- bright leaf tobacco. It was said the Morton tobacco was the best in the region.

Were we poor? You better believe it. All the food we had was what we grew and butchered on the farm. I have fond memories of tobacco- from growing it to curing it to taking it to market for sale. It was the only time we had a little bit of money. My parents were like most Americans of that period- they did the best they could with what they had-with what they knew.

One memory of those days I'd like to forget involved killing the animals for food. Here I am living on a farm and I just couldn't kill. Once at Thanksgiving my father took me to a pen to slaughter our Thanksgiving turkey. He had me hold down that turkey with its neck on the chopping block. As soon as he brought the axe down I let go and the turkey ran off. My father was hollering and cussing at me, and I stood there and cried. When it came time for Thanksgiving dinner my father pushed my plate aside, and as he was carving the bird commented, "Seems a might hypocritical I.L., that you can eat it- you just can't kill it." Mama of course interceded and I had some turkey.

So we were a family- poor, but rich in love. My mother was a good, decent woman. One day I was inside reading the Sears catalogue dreaming about one day owning all those great things- especially the shoes and clothes. Mama came out from the kitchen to the hallway and stood there for a moment- she smiled at me and as she turned away she fell. I went rushing to her side, but she never responded. Doctor said her heart had just quit on her- she died instantly, just like that right in front of me. At 93 I wish my memory had erased this particular memory, but I still see it and feel it as clearly as the day it happened. I was five years old.

The impact on my life was devastating. My father decided to place each of the children with relatives- except for me. I don't know if it was a matter of not enough relatives or simply not being wanted but when it came time I was sent to live with strangers away from home. But I didn't complain-I did what I had learned up to that point in time- be a survivor- do whatever had to be done.

So by the age of 6 I had learned a most important skill that served me well throughout my life-I learned how to sell. Ever heard of the newspaper 'Grit'? I paid two cents a copy and sold them for a nickel. I was quite a salesman- the engineers would let me board the trains when they stopped to refuel and I would go from car to car selling my Grit. Folks have always been kind to me- can't figure out whether it was because they like me or I was so pathetic looking. I went door to door selling gizmos, gadgets, miracle salves and my best seller- religious photos- after all; it was the Bible belt.

Over the course of several years I was sent from one home to another. I had a fairly normal childhood but it was selling that gave me money to buy the basics- especially tobacco. One day my guardian came into my room to tell me my father had remarried and that he wanted me to come back home. I have to confess I really was mad at my father-mad about not being taken by one of the relatives, mad about him breaking up the family, and now I was mad he went and remarried. I guess with perspective I was actually confused.

So when the train brought me back home to Wilson and I saw my father and new stepmother waiting for me I did the mature thing-I ran away. I ran down the tracks for what seemed to be miles. Minutes later my father's wagon pulled up, I got on it, and we went home. I want to believe that my father brought us all back home because he missed us- maybe it was because he needed cheap labor. Whatever the reason we were a family again and I was back in Wilson, North Carolina.

Now I know up to this point I've portrayed my father as a rather uncaring strict disciplinarian- and to some extent, that he was. But my father was a man who excelled beyond his education. He was a terrific farmer, the best-unlicensed veterinarian in the county and an amazing storyteller.

I think I was most proud of him when the Town of Wilson came to him and asked him to build the minor league baseball park. Well Papa asked me to help him. We cleared the land, toiled the soil- he even created a drainage system that absorbed heavy rain. The grass was better than a golf course and the landscaping was simply beautiful. We built the stands, the dug-outs, everything- the whole Town of Wilson was proud of that ball park and to be quite honest, I was quite proud of Papa, too.

After it was finished Papa was still responsible for getting it ready for games and maintaining the field. I got hired to sell concessions. Baseball was truly America's past time back then. Baseball- and I got to make money, too. But the best part was hanging around the ballplayers. I would run errands for them- whatever they asked. In turn they would give me bats, gloves, balls and best of all- chewing tobacco.. .And boy did the ballplayers ever have the best chewing tobacco!

Great childhood memories- the park, the ballplayers, making money. However there is one memory of that time that I'm still bothered by to this very day.

It was just after a game. A young man walks up to me to say he was sitting up in the bleachers and he had lost a silver dollar- said it must have fallen out of his pocket and would I help him look. I said sure.

So we look under the bleachers- no luck. Then as I look again there it is. There I stood-frozen with my foot covering the silver dollar. After the man left I reached down, picked it up and put it in my pocket. To this very day I am so ashamed of myself for that- my greed got the best of me. I guess I've had a good life because if there was just one thing I could do over in my life that would be it- do the right thing. That was the only dishonest thing I've done in 93 years and it still bothers me to this day! And talk about guilt at the time- when I spent the money I don't think I enjoyed it one bit.

Now about the only thing I loved more than baseball was the motion picture shows. I loved those magnificent silent films.

One day my friends and I were headed to the theatre. No sooner did we get our tickets than I see the manger place a placard in the window for 'Help Wanted.' The others went into the movie-I went into the Manager's Office. I used that Morton

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(Ask Jack, continued from page 17)
salesmanship and sold him on why I was the man for the job. It worked-I got hired and I didn't even know what the job was-I was going to be working in a theatre. A glamorous job at last!

Well my glamorous job consisted of sweeping, mopping, taking out the trash, washing out the rest rooms, posting bills and finally acting as an usher. Cleaning those floors was a nasty job-nearly every man chewed tobacco and they spit right on the floor. Add some discarded food and spilled soda pop and it was one nasty chore- and I loved every minute of it.

You know in those days the theatres didn't sell refreshments. It took them awhile to realize people were bringing in popcorn, peanuts, candy and the like from places around the theatre. As soon as they realized they could provide concessions and make good money at it- guess what, concession stands. I did every job you can imagine. 'Come see the world for ten cents at the World Theatre.'

Life was great. I wasn't making much money but I was having the time of my life. We used amber lights to give the sensation of warmth in the winter and green lights to make it seem cooler in the summer. And thus began my career in show business. From the World Theatre to the Capital Theatre to the State Theatre- each time the job got better and the theatre got bigger.

The silent movies- what a period for cinema, so new, so exciting. The stars were just that, truly stars: Barrymore, Pickford, Chaplin, Valentine, Laurel & Hardy, Harold Lloyd, Buster Keaton- these were masters of communication without being heard.

And then there were the Westerns- my personal favorite- oh to be like Tom Mix! Now I've always loved music. I envy every musician. If we truly wanted a better world two things should happen- greater respect for individuality, and greater appreciation of music. We had an organist at the Theatre who would let me sit beside him while he played. Those long fingers, graceful hands, never missing a note-I sat there in awe.

Well one day the Theatre owner calls me in to his office. He starts asking all these questions. I begin to get nervous thinking I'm going to be canned. Instead he praised my hard work and maturity-I was barely 17 at the time, and he told me he had just purchased a new Theatre in Hamlet, North Carolina. Would I like to manage it?

[Editor's note: A search in Heritage Quest's census files for the family of Irvin L. Morton in Wilson County in 1910 was unsuccessful. The family was found here in 1920 living on Rountree Street in Wilson Township. Those in the household were Ervin Morton, age 46, farmer, and his wife Ellen, age 34; Rosevilte, son, age 16, a salesman in a jewelry store; Gladys G. Johnston, step-daughter, age 14; Ervin L, Jr., son, age 9; Mary A., daughter, age 6; and Margaret L., daughter, age 2 months.

A broader search of the 1910 census may have located the family in Newport Township of Carteret County, N. C. We found the family of Irvin L. Morton, age 37, farm manager (fruit grower?) and wife Alice G., age 30, living on R. R. Street. Irvin and Alice had been married 12 years, and there had been 8 births with 3 living children. Three sons were listed: James O., age 11; Charlie R., age 9; and Theodore R.
(Roosevelt?), age 6.

Irvin L. Morton, b. Feb. 15, 1873, d. May 16, 1954; Gertrude Morton, b. Mar. 25, 1884, d. May 4, 1916, wife of I. L. Morton; Ellen Johnston Morton, b. Dec. 22, 1884, d. July 21, 1949, are buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson. Also buried there are Infant of Irvin L. & wife, Jul. 9, 1916, and Infant of J. L., Apr. 7, 1927.]

ALSEY HIGH OF NASH COUNTY

Kay H. Roberds

I just read the article that you and Sue wrote about the High's in the Trees of Wilson. I am a descendent from Alsey High of Nash County. He was not from Wake County. There was an Alsey High in Wake County, but this is not the same person. The Alsey High of Wake County died about 1820 in Wake County and left a will. The Alsey High of Nash County is not in that will. The Alsey High of Nash County first shows up in Nash County in the census of 1810 as a head of household. He has land at that time, but I cannot seem to find out where he got the land. Still need to research the land record for that. I have several of his deeds and none of them give a hint as to where he came from. His children list his place of birth as NC in the census when they are asked. One research has him the son of Joseph High of Johnston County, but there is also no proof of that. There are no records putting him in Wake County, and deeds, census, and court records have him in Nash County from 1810 to 1849 when his property is divided between his children. He married Elizabeth Winborne after 1810, their first child Gillie was born 1815; she married a Finch. Two of Allison High's son had a store in Wilson County for a while but moved to Middlesex after 1900 and ran a general store until they died in the 1930's. The son Seba F. High, Jr. ran the store until he died in the 1950's. These sons were Seba F. High and Henry Bascom "Bas" High (my grandfather). I would like to know who the High was that had Convenience Stores in the Mid-Atlantic States. The children were Gillie High, born 1815, William H. High, born 1818, John Branch High, born 1820, Gaston High, born 1823, Joel Battle High, born 1825, Hackney High, born 1828, Manley High, born 1831, daughter Delaney "Lanie," born 1833, and Allison, born 1836. Gillie married William M. Finch, and Delaney married Thomas Williamson Fulghum. Gille is buried in the Town of Middlesex Cemetery with her husband and is one of the oldest graves in the cemetery. I think that her family owned that land and later Middlesex came to own the land. Their graves are all at the back of the cemetery and seem to be older than other graves. She died in 1895, and Middlesex was not founded until after 1900. William H. and John Branch High lived in the area near Pleasant Grove Church. Joel Battle High moved to the Red Oak area of Nash County. Hackney High is buried on Shiloh Church Road near Wilson. Manley lived in the Stanhope area of Nash Co. Delaney and her husband were buried near the Pleasant Grove Church and on what seems to be the land that was Alsey High's. Allison lived for a while in the Conner area of Wilson/Nash Co. He was a Post Master, Justice of the Peace, and several other occupations. There were two Alsey Bunyan's, Sr. and Jr. Alsey Bunyan, Sr. was the son of William H. High. I do not know of any John Bunyan High. I have done a lot of research on this family and if you need any other information please let me know.

[Editor's note: Charles C. Lucas supplied information that John Bunyan High should have been John Branch High. He further states that because of the similarity of names, he still feels that there is a family connection somewhere. We would appreciate information from anyone who can supply further information about this family.]

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JOHN W. HUNT, HOTEL OWNER

The Wilson Times, January 12, 1912

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Amassed Wealth in West

The following news item will be of interest to a number of Wilson county people, especially those in the neighborhood of Black Creek who recall John W. Hunt who left there years ago.

"Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 12.—Suit to gain possession of nearly half of the estate of the late John W. Hunt, veteran hotel owner, valued at $1,500,000 was filed against the will in the Federal District court here today by Baron Lucas, half brother of Hunt who claimed that he and the heirs of another half brother are entitled to $693,252. Hunt left nearly all of his estate to charity.

Among those on whose behalf the suit is brought are Theodore Lucas, John Paul Lucas, Louis Lucas, Rosamond Lucas and Mrs. Monticello Lucas, all of Charlotte, N. C.; J. T. Lucas, Fort Smith, Ark., and John Bunyan Lucas, Dallas, Ark."

Hunt left Black Creek in 1870. He had been farming on 20 acres of land, which he sold and with its proceeds and what he had accumulated which was not over $500 he went to Savannah, Ga., and there embarked in the naval store business under the firm name of Peacock, Hunt & Co.

He prospered in Savannah and later went to New York, which place he ultimately left for California, and in Los Angeles erected one of the best and most fashionable hotels in that wonderful state.

Hunt was married three times. His first wife was a Miss Jerdon, of this county from whom he was divorced. The second died, and the third, a beautiful woman, the wife of his old age left him in Paris and ran off with a handsome dashing Russian nobleman. Hunt was suing for a divorce from his third wife when he died, and upon the ground that the decree had not been granted his wife insists that she is still his legal wife and is therefore entitled to his property. On the other hand as the published notice shows his relatives are trying to break the will.

It seems by the terms of the will that Hunt left $500,000 to his people and the balance of the property a million dollars to trustees to found a hospital in Georgia.

His relatives, however, insist that Hunt did not make a specific bequest and cite the Sam. J. Tilden estate controversy to uphold their contention.

Attorneys for the trustees insist that the New York legislature passed an act to take care of the Tilden bequest that the state might secure the funds and apply it as Mr. Tilden desired.

[Editor's note: In the 1850 Wayne County census, John W. Hunt, age 10, is listed in the household of Henry Lucas, age 50, farmer. Also in the household were Mary, age 45, Riley, age 19, farmhand; Henry, age 2; and Bunyan, age 1.

In the 1860 Wilson County census, John W. Hunt, age 20, farm laborer, is listed in the Black Creek District household of Polly Lucas, age 57, farmer. Also in the household were Henry Lucas, age 12; and Bunyan Lucas, age 10.

John W. Hunt, son of Polly Hunt, married Mary J. Jordan, daughter of Josiah Jordan, on October 28, 1869. C. C. Dodson, PMEC, performed the marriage at Mr. Barefoot's in Wilson County. In the 1870 Wilson County census, John W. Hunt, age 30, farmer, and Mary J. Hunt, age 18, lived in the Town of Black Creek. Also in the household were Mary Locus, age 69; Edwin Barefoot, age 16, farm laborer; and Albertie Smith, age 15, farm laborer.]

EVERYONE'S DREAM
J. P. AND DELLA MAY FARMER HAZZARD
The Wilson Times, February 25, 1913
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BIRMINGHAM MEN HEIRS TO HUNDRED MILLION FORTUNE

J. P. Hazzard Finds He is One of Many Heirs to Vast Estate.

The following from the Birmingham Age-Herald will be of interest to the friends of Mr. J. P. Hazzard, formerly of Wilson, who married Miss Della May Farmer one of Wilson's attractive daughters and daughter of Mrs. J. A. Farmer of this city.

J. P. Hazzard, Stamping Clerk at the Birmingham office of the Southeastern Underwriters' Association, and W. W. Hazzard, connected with the insurance department of the Jemison Real Estate and Insurance company, and their mother, Mrs. Elliot W. Hazzard, have just learned that they, with a number of others are heirs to a vast estate in England, worth approximately $100,000,000.

The information came to them from Mrs. Julia Hazzard White, who is now in Savannah, searching for heirs to the estate. Most of them are living in South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. The English law does not permit an estate to be divided until all the heirs are accounted for, and up to a short while ago the Birmingham heirs knew nothing of the huge fortune awaiting them.

This vast English estate of parks, farms and castles, lying just south of Bristol, is without a master who can claim its full benefits. The lands are occupied by a family remotely connected with the direct line, but who are unable to touch the ever growing fortune now amounting to nearly $100,000,000, which has remained untouched in the Bank of England since the death of the last of the English Hazzards.

Returned to America Recently.

Mrs. White, who is 60 years old, returned to America from England about six weeks ago. Upon her arrival in South Carolina, recently, she communicated with the Birmingham heirs. It took her nine months to prove conclusively that the South Carolina and Georgia Hazzards were heirs to the estate and she tells a wonderful story of her search for the records in England. For singleness of purpose and undaunted courage her hunt was remarkable.

In spite of all her difficulties, during nine months of patient research, Mrs. White succeeded in tracing the Hazzard line from its Norman founder to the year 1699, when Richard H. Hazzard and his two sons, Richard, Jr., and Col. William Hazzard, half great grand father came to America.

Her search then led her to South Carolina, where she searched for records of the family in Charleston, Georgetown and Columbia. It was in the latter city that the final and conclusive evidence was found, in the form of deeds to Royal grants of land made to Col. William Hazzard as an officer in the British army by the King of England. This established beyond a doubt, the connection of American Hazzards with the English line, and Mrs. White could easily trace her own descent from Col. William Hazzard.

The complete history of the Hazzard or Hassard family, as traced by Mrs. White shows that it was of Norman origin, and that at the time of the Norman conquest, its representatives were living on the border of Switzerland, and were distinguished by the ancient, but now extinct title of the Duc de Charante. Two members of the family bearing this title, visited the Holy Land as crusaders.

The Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia and Rhode Island Hazzards are descended from the Nottingham family. John Hazzard, Walter Hazzard and his wife Mabel having been early settlers in America as old records show.

[Editor's note: The 1900 Wilson County Census does not list either J. P. Hazzard or Della Mae Farmer. The Wilson County Register of Deeds does not hold the marriage license of J. P. and Della. Della's death certificate indicates that she died February 13, 1920, and was buried on February 14, 1920, cause of death broncho pneumonia with complicating influenza. The informant was J. P. Hazzard, resident of Birmingham, Ala., who said that Della was born in Wilson and her parents were J. A. Farmer and Maggie Daughtridge.

John P. Hazzard is listed in the Wilson, North Carolina, City Directory of 1920, as working in insurance and living on the corner of Kenan and Bruton Streets.

Della Mae Farmer Hazzard and John Potter Hazzard are both buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson. Della's marker indicates she was born 12 August 1891, died 13 February 1920, was the wife of J. P. Hazzard, and the daughter of J. L. and Maggie C. Farmer. John Potter Hazzard was born 13 September 1884, and died 04 March 1943. Their deaths are recorded at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Wilson, and J. P.'s death is recorded there under the name Jack.]

CORA TAYLOR WILLIAMS
The Wilson Times, August 29, 1913
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NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN RICHEST IN THE SOUTH

MRS JESSE WILLIAMS OF ATLANTA FORMERLY OF GREEN COUNTY, WORTH BETWEEN FIVE AND TEN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

Kinston, Aug. 29.—Mrs. Jesse P. Williams, of Atlanta, formerly Miss Cora Taylor, of Bullhead, Greene county, has succeeded to the princely estate of her late husband, who was a noted southern capitalist. Mrs. Williams becomes the largest landowner of her sex in the world, and the richest woman in the south.

Captain Williams died several weeks ago, and leaving no children and no will, his wife became the sole heir.

His great estate is variously estimated at from $5,000,000 to $10,000,000. She is the only woman in the southern states to control a 22-mile interstate railroad, with its trains stations, shops, terminals, docks and a steamboat line.

She owns a quarter of a million acres of farming and timber lands in Georgia and Florida. Mrs. Williams is well-fitted to manage the property, having acted as the closest counselor of her husband and virtual manager of the extensive interests during the past few years, when he was an invalid. Captain Williams has a brother at Mt. Olive, N. C. Mrs. Williams is connected with leading families of this section.

WILLIAM CALVIN BATTS

Hugh B. Johnston files

William Calvin Batts, son of Willie Jordan Batts and Elizabeth Williford, was born near Rosebud in the present Wilson County, North Carolina, and died at Nashville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1923.

"I was born in a Primitive Baptist home," he wrote many years later. "Up to the Civil War, 1860, I knew nothing of any other religious denomination. My first impression respecting them began at Upper Town Creek (or Union) Church.

"Five of us," he continued in a 1922 memoir, "ranging from the ages of ten years to one year, mothered so sweetly by a mother whose tender care cradled, fondled, watched and nourished us. That Hand which doeth all things well saw fit to take her to His care and watching, yes, to Himself where endless peace and love reigneth. Surely, we should not pine or grieve, since to be with Christ is far better. We then turn the picture to see the other side: five motherless babes, the writer the oldest, truly a sad picture. The cares such as they were fell to my lot——the sleepless nights, the lonely heart-breaking screams and wails that fell on my ears from the often distressed hungry children; and, too, we were at least a mile from any help, should we have needed any. We pulled and wrestled along until they grew to be more self-protecting. The younger of the three has long since gone on to the mother. I and my brother, the oldest of the five, are yet on this side, old and decrepit, and are waiting to be gathered."

At the beginning of the War Between the States, 18 year old William C. Batts walked to Wilson on February 12, 1862, and enlisted for the period of the war in Company B, 2nd North Carolina Infantry Regiment, C.S.A. On September 17, 1862, he received a gunshot wound through the left thigh and was captured at the Battle of Sharpsburg. He was paroled at Ft. McHenry, Maryland, and was exchanged at Aiken's Landing on November 10. In April of 1863, he was appointed Corporal of Company B. From November 20, 1863, to October, 1864, he was detailed as a Provost Guard at their Corps Headquarters. He continued to serve faithfully until being paroled at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865, after having participated in the repulse of the enemy at the famed Battle of the Crater. On February 6, 1918, at Macclesfield in Edgecombe County, N. C. , he applied for a North Carolina Pension for his service to the State in the Civil War, with Jesse A. Moore a witness and his nephew David Franklin Batts serving as Notary Public.

After a suitable courtship, he was married on December 5, 1867, by the Reverend Peter E. Hines, to Elizabeth "Bettie" Hearne, daughter of John Hearne and wife Mary Edwards of a substantial Wilson family. She was born on July 21, 1844, and died on February 2, 1916. In connection with a rough sketch included with his Memoir, he said, "I have tried to show the house where she lived (on Douglas Street at the N.W. corner of Greene Street), and where we contracted for the journey we last took. The crosses are important points in our history; the X indicates the points of special note. At the Window (facing the street from the right front room) she said 'YES', out in the floor near center we said 'I Will', and on the second floor (right rear room of the Hearne home) is where the curtain fell on this drama and I joined her next, closely wrapped as if she had been fixed for safekeeping. This was the beginning of a voyage in life filled to the limit of those joys one does not want to forget...

"Seldom a pair started out under more unfavorable outlook. The night I was married I barely had the $5 to pay the officiating Preacher... We had not a dollar. Nevertheless, we were sure we were rich. We had that which dollars cannot furnish and money cannot buy, mental bliss and harmony... This little store on Tarboro Street (about where the First National Bank Parking Lot now exists) is the place I made my start in the blindfolded leap for win or lose. Harmoniously we pulled together. In a wonderfully short time we were well up in the financial world. We owed no one a cent for it—our own hands did it... I had all this heart wanted, and if she wished more, I never found it out. Nothing brings me real joy like reflections that followed our career for a good long time.

"We soon had a fine boy child born to us. We by this time felt our importance in the world. Yes, we felt grown... Our first trouble was the taking away of our boy at eight months of age. Oh, this was a blow to our young lives. We were blessed to see the hand of Him who gives and takes away. Thereby reconciling this dispensation in that philosphical rule of the Father of us all, soon the second began to make his appearance. Then we began to fear for some evil to beset his way, but our fears in this case never materialized."

Some years later, "we were living in Norfolk, Virginia. Here began the dark lining of our lifetime. The first to die here was that darling whom we idealized and all else who ever knew him loved. Then came along another model boy, James Clifton. Then our daughter Ida Mary Stanley, wife of H.W. Stanley. In only a few days her baby Dorothy Stanley followed the mother. Some little time on our boy J. W. Batts, oldest of our group, was taken away. All the boys and one daughter in quick succession had followed each other to that abode of the dead. We by this time surely were feeling the heavy hand of affliction.

"Within the space of ten years this wife, this mother of mothers, gave up the ghost and followed, repeating the words of that hymn, 'Shepard, show us how to go over the hillsides steep'. A friend of ours on this day shook my hand and said, 'For four years I have been coming to your house attending funerals. I have in the deepest sympathy shared your great affliction. Notwithstanding the heavy hand, you have borne up under it to my complete astonishment. I feel to say to you in it all have been blessed in that fortitude but few possess.'

"Of the six born to us, only one remains, that one the youngest, wife of H.W. Stanley, now of Nashville, Tennessee, 1923. Most of our life was spent in Norfolk, Virginia, and there lie the dead bodies of wife, three sons, one daughter, son's wife and one son Henry, and Dorothy the child of Ida, my oldest daughter. They sleep there... For His will and purpose, myself and youngest daughter are kept alive and preserved from all harm."

As early as 1869, William Calvin "Kak" Batts was operating a Bar and Restaurant in Wilson, and 1872 found him serving as a member of the Wilson City Council. He was also engaged in Business for awhile with his father-in-law.

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After retiring from his business at Norfolk, he spent most of his last years in Nashville, Tennessee. My (HBJ) last rememberance of him is when he visited at our home in Wilson in the Summer of 1922. He was an amiable old gentleman of medium height and build and wore a handsome white moustache. He appeared to have been highly regarded by everyone who knew him, and especially by his family relations in the area.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM CALVIN BATTS AND ELIZABETH HEARNE

1. (son) died at age 8 months at Norfolk?

2. Joseph William "Joe" Batts, born September 5, 1870; died March 7, 1906. I have no information on his widow who did not long survive him, and their only child Henry Batts died when quite young.

3. Ida Mary Batts, born October 19, 1872; died December 19, 1906. On October 16, 1865, she married Hugh Wright Stanley, son of Washington Stanley and wife Mary Alice Bonsack. He was born on February 13, 1874, at Petersburg, Virginia.

   a. Dorothy Stanley, died at Norfolk.

4. Franklin Millard "Frank" Batts, born February 4, 1875; died unmarried November 2, 1900.

5. James Clifton Batts, born April 24, 1877; died unmarried March 20, 1905.

6. Frances Hearne "Fannie" Batts, born in Wilson County on June 3, 1879.

On August 4, 1917, at Bristol, Tennessee, she married as his second wife Hugh Wright Stanley who had first married her sister Ida Mary Batts. When I (HBJ) last communicated with Cousin Fannie, she was living in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Stanley had entered the service of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, and later worked for the Southern Railway at Knoxville, but was transferred in 1897 to the Seaboard Air Line Company and worked his way gradually upward until becoming Assistant to the President. During that period he resided in the new Kensington area of Norfolk. In 1916 he joined the American Railway Association, becoming receiver of the Tennessee Central in 1917. It had about three hundred miles of track running from Harriman through Nashville to Hopkinsville, Kentucky. At the sale and reorganization of this Company, he was selected, about 1922, to serve as its President, with headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee.

[Editor's notes: In the 1860 Wilson County census, the Joyners & Gardners District household of Willie J. Batts, 42, farmer, included Ann E., 32; William C. Batts, 18; David L., 16; Martha A., 15; John L. D., 13; Mary A., 12; Jane, 7; Thomas R., 5; Ann E., 3; Nancy, 8 months; Joseph J., 19, farm laborer; and Mary Poland, 34. The Town of Wilson household of John Hearn, 48, and Mary M., 50; included William A., 18; Elizabeth, 16; Fannie A., 14; J. J. J., 11; Mary E., 9; Sallie A. M., 7; and Millard F., 3.

William C. Batts, 28, liquor dealer, and Elizabeth, 25, lived in the Town of Wilson in 1870.

In 1880, William C. Batts, 39, farmer, and wife Elizabeth, 35, lived in Toisnot Township with their five children.]

JAMES D. BARNES OBITUARY

The Wilson Times, July 8, 1916

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

JAMES D. BARNES DIED AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Prominent Business Man of Orlando Succumbs to Illness Following Operation for Appendicitis

Orlando, Fla.

Jas. D. Barnes died at an early hour Tuesday morning, July 4, following complications ensuing from an operation for appendicitis which had been performed a week previously. He was recovering rapidly and had made preparations to return to his home from the hospital, when he had a bad turn Saturday night. Peritonitis set in but was being controlled when heart action became weak and finally failed.

James D. Barnes was born at Wilson, N. C., January 13, 1872, and had made that place his home for the greater part of his life. He was traveling representative for several years of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, and attended many trap shooting contests conducted in his territory. He was an expert marksman, and was devoted to outdoor sports generally and since taking up his residence at Orlando had become a leading member of the Country Club and a devotee of golf.

Mr. Barnes was married in Orlando, January 10, 1901, to Miss Bessie M. Yowell, daughter of Mrs. Susan N. Yowell, and is survived by her and their three children, Kathryn, Calvin and Susan, also by two sisters, Miss Kate Barnes and Mrs. William Walls, of Wilson.

Mr. Barnes and family moved from Wilson to Orlando in 1913, when he became an active member of the Yowell-Duckworth Company. He had charge of the roof garden until it closed, and since that time was active in the executive department of the company's business.

During the session of the Presbyterian General Assembly, held in Orlando in May, Mr. Barnes was in charge of the assignment of the commissioners, a difficult task which he handled with great facility, bringing forth hearty commendation from leading churchmen who declared that this feature had been handled with less confusion in Orlando than ever in the history of the assembly. His bent in this direction was especially strong, and his fitness for this kind of work was recognized in his appointment as chairman of the entertaining committee of the Orlando Board of Trade. He had been active in entertaining every assemblage of account since he became a citizen of Orlando and the ease and thoroughness with which it was done indicated an unusual aptness for, and that he took a keen interest and delight in it. His genial disposition was of the perennial kind and he was known among his intimates as "Sunny Jim," the sobriquet seeming to fit with such appropriateness …that it was rather a term of affection than a nickname.

The news of his death brought shock and sadness to virtually every home in Orlando. There are few men in Orlando who were better known to the people of the town and county.

The funeral was conducted from the home, 401 S. West St., this afternoon, Rev. T. H. McConnell, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, conducting the services. The deceased was a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Knights Templar and Knights of Pythias. The local lodges attended in a body, the Knights Templar having charge of the services at the grave. The interment was at Greenwood. Mr. Barnes' request that he be buried in his Knight Templar uniform, which he had worn only twice, it is said, having but recently joined the order. The pallbearers were S. Y. Way, M. O. Overstreet, W. S. Branch, Jr., George McCulloch, Charles Lord and E. G. Duckworth. The floral tributes were numerous and exceptionally beautiful.

W. P. SNAKENBERG OBITUARY—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contributed by Carol Ann Tadlock Wyman

Dear Trees Editor:

I received my January 2004 *Trees* issue today. What is so wonderful about belonging to WCGS is that somebody out there usually knows the answer, and the fact that we are so connected to each other. The last paragraph referred to the "may of been" parents of W. T. Holden. I can definitely add the missing parts.

William Thomas Holden (1869-1954) was the brother of my maternal grandmother, Lula Holden Proctor (1874-1936), whose twin sister was Annie. In addition to these three and Charles W. (who were mentioned), there was a fifth child: George R. Holden (1872-1878), who died before the 1880 census.

William Thomas Holden's parents were Semproneus Holden (5 June 1839 - 6 Sept. 1907) and Mahala Jane Batts (8 Feb. 1855 - 28 Aug. 1842). Sem Holden was a Brunswick Co. native, and Mahala Jane Batts was from Edgecombe/Wilson Co., the daughter of Jeremiah Batts and Harriet Joyner.

The above facts are documented by the Sem Holden *family Bible* and the William T. Holden *Book of Record and Brief Family History* account. In addition, I turned in a Holden family journal, which I now believe has been bound and is in the Wilson Co. Library. I sure I do not need to do this, but I can provide you source after source that William Thomas Holden is the son of Jerry and Jane Batts.

My wish is that the Holdens were born in Wilson Co. With our network, I would know who Sem Holden's parents were. I am grateful to WCGS for your *Trees* publication.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Family Research Society of Northeastern North Carolina will hold a Genealogy Fair Saturday, March 13, 2004, at the Knobbs Creek Recreation Center, 200 E. Ward Street, Elizabeth City, N. C. Registration begins at 8:30 am, and the fair closes at 4:30 pm. The lectures will be "Quaker Research" by Raymond A. Winslow, Jr., "Preserving Our History" by Debbie McCarty, "N. C. & Va. Records in the Outer Banks History Center" by Lou N. Overman, and "N. C. & Va. Records in the Norfolk Public Library by Robert Hitchings. Cost for reservations submitted by March 1, 2004,—$25, after March 1, —$30. Lunch—$10. Reservations should be submitted to Family Research Society, PO Box 1425, Elizabeth City NC 27906-1425.
- The North Carolina Genealogical Society will hold its Fall Annual Meeting and Workshop on November 12 & 13, 2004. The speakers, Helen Leary and Barbara Vines Little, will speak on "The North Carolina Virginia Connection." With our family ties to early Virginia, we should find this program beneficial.

2004 CALENDAR CORRECTION

Contributed by Karen Edmundson

We recently received the WCGS calendar and, as always, have enjoyed it. We were particularly interested in the Yelverton/Edmundson/Barnes history on the November page.

Rudy's paternal grandparents were Richard Edmundson and Ella Aycock. There may be two people of the same name; however this Richard (Rudy's grandfather) was the son of Wright Edmundson and Martha Roberts. Wright settled in Fremont and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Fremont (1895). His parents were John and Smithey Edmundson. Smithey, we believe, was a Yelverton. This contradicts the information on the calendar.

Wright Edmundsons are the John Barneses of the genealogy world. Sadly, I'm dealing with both. You have the correct children for Richard and Ella. The Edmundsons are a difficult line to trace. Our Wright E. came from the Appletree Swamp area, near Bullhead. He came from a large family. We have been unable to tie in beyond his father.

[Editor's note: Further research on the Edmundson family verifies that Richard who married Ella Aycock was not part of the family of Rufus Wright Edmundson of Stantonsburg. **Please correct your calendar.**

Rufus W. Edmundson's wife, Caroline Wilder, died July 3, 1863. He married a second time in 1866 to Ann Exum Richardson; however, census records would indicate that she had died before Richard was born. His children were Alice, Lucy, and Sarah (by Caroline) and Mary (by Ann).

R. J. Edmundson, 27, Wayne County resident, married Ella Aycock, 21, Wilson County resident, on May 7, 1902. The license was issued in Wilson County, and the marriage was performed by A. T. Barnes, J. P., at the home of J. J. Aycock in Black Creek. Witnesses were La. Hayes, Z. B. Copeland and A. G. Daniel.

There were at least two Wright Edmundsons. The 1850 Wayne County Census lists the household of John Edmundson, 63, farmer, and wife Smithy, 60; William, 30, farmhand; Wright, 22, farmhand; Edith, 37; Persey, 34; Laney, 24; Elizabeth, 22; Smithy, 16; Wiley, 28, farmhand; and Richard, 27, farmhand.

In Saratoga District of the Wilson County 1860 Census the household of Wright Edmundson, 63, farmer, is listed. With him were Susan, age 70; Zellah, age 36; James P., 35; Penelope, 26; and Susan, 24.

In 1850, this family was in Edgecombe County where we find listed Wright Edmundson, 53; Susan, 60; Zilla, 25; James, 23, farmer; Sarah, 20; Penelope, 19; and Susan, 16.]

Wright and Susan's other children were Rufus, Elizabeth Jane, Garry, Martha, and Edwin Gray.

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"He that goes far to marry, will either deceive or be deceived. Marry above thy match, and thou 'lt get a master."
Poor Richard's Almanack, Benjamin Franklin

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President's Message

Greetings, Readers,

Spring is just around the corner, and hopefully there will be no more snow and icy roads. We can stop huddling by the fire, go outside and enjoy the warm sunshine. Now is a good time to visit family cemeteries to clean them up and put fresh flowers out for our loved ones. Take along your cameras and take pictures. They will be helpful later in recording your family history. It's also protection in case of vandalism, Heaven forbid.

Be sure to include your children and grandchildren. Tell them stories about your ancestors. Interest them in genealogy. You are never too young to start. Help them to make a family tree.

Visit your favorite aunt, uncle, cousin, grandparents, and so forth. Ask them what life was like when they were growing up. "Did you have electricity when you were growing up," is a good start, or "Did you really have to walk a mile in the snow to get to school." The stories are wonderful! Write them down. They will be real treasures one day. Who knows you might get a book out of it. It will be fun hearing them tell the stories as only they can tell them.

I look forward to seeing at the next WCGS meeting. It's going to be another great one! Come along to hear Larry Odzak, from State Archives, speak to us on Beginning Genealogical Research. He will be able to answer questions about our research problems and give us guidance towards an approach to find the answers that we are seeking.

Carol Forbes
WCGS President

A PLAN FOR THE VIRGINIA COLONY

Contributed by Horace Peele

The Virginia Company of London had some sort of a master plan on how to settle the Virginia Colony. A document dated 22 June 1620 (Kingsbury Vol. 3 Page 315) gives a breakdown of the 800 people that were to be sent out during the following year. Note: the year in those days ended on 24 March, so the June date would be at the beginning of the year. Plans called for 400 tenants of the company, 100 sub-tenants, 100 maids, 100 boys and 100 servants. The 100 boys were presumably the 100 children who were sent out from London by the City authorities as a result of a decision taken in January 1619/1620 (Bridewell Records, Coldham). The 400 tenants and 100 sub-tenants positions were for skilled men with the following trades: Husbandmen*, Gardners, Brewers, Bakers, Sawyers, Carpenters*, Joyners, Ship-wrights, Boat-wrights, Mil-wrights, Masons, Turners*, Smiths of all sorts*, Coopers of all sorts, Weavers, Tanners, Potters*, Fowlers, Fisherman, Fish-hookemakers, Net-makers, Rope-makers, Tile makers, Edgetoole makers, Bricke makers*, Brick layers*, Dressers of Hempe and Flaxe, Lime burners, Lether dressers, Men skillful in Vines, Men for iron Workes, Men skilful in Mines.

The ones with an asterisk were listed as required in a 24 June 1619 document (Kingsbury Vol 1, Page 234). Other documents (Purchas) reflect that about 100 husbandmen came from Devon, about 110 iron workers from Staffordshire and Warwickshire and another 40 from Sussex. Some specialists, such as those skillful in Vines, were to be brought from France or Germany, but many probably came from London. [Editor's note: On a visit to Guildhall Library in 1996, the clerk cited Coram Fields foundling home (which dates from 1739 which was too late) as an example of a foundling home which may have sent apprentices to the London Company. There were others in operation in the 17th century, but I don't know anything about them. Most were probably associated with churches. I still think the theory of a foundling being apprenticed to the London Company makes sense. However, it is only a theory, and it is doubtful that we will ever find any evidence for such. As the clerk said, apprenticeships were private arrangements, and there are no legal records that survive. The foundling museum at Coram's Field, when it reopens this year, is supposed to have a vast database of such information.]

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MARCH 23, 2004 MEETING

The N. C. State Archives preserve and hold thousands upon thousands of records, spanning nearly three centuries of North Carolina's history. Most of these records are made available to researchers, genealogists, and historians, either in the original form or on microfilm. Larry Odzak [pronounced "O'Jack"], a researcher and historian himself, is employed full time as an Archivist who can consult with you and guide you to the collection of records that is most likely to contain the information you seek. Larry will be speaking on the topic "Beginning Genealogy."

We will gather at 7 pm, Tuesday, March 23, at Durwood Stancil, Inc., 3425 Ward Blvd.

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FAMILY CONNECTIONS—*WILSON DAILY TIMES*

Early Downtown Wilson—February 2004

Downtown Wilson ca 1875. The town water pump at the intersection of Nash and Tarboro Streets. Photo from Guy Cox's personal files.

We have learned that another piece of local history will soon disappear as the County Commissioners will remove the stores along the north side of Nash Street at Tarboro. A parking lot for county employees will take the place of these old buildings.

It is impossible for anyone with any sense of civic pride to accept this change without a nod to the past. Wilson is a young town and has hardly had time to even develop any local history worthy of note other than its world-wide success with bright leaf tobacco.

In 1849, there were a small number of residents eager to see the villages of Hickory Grove and Toisnot unite as Wilson, the little town in the woods. The nearest towns were Tarboro or Goldsboro, both a long distance by wagon or carriage.

The picture at the beginning of this article is a fortunate find that gives us an image of what this little town looked like. Taken probably around 1875, it is a view of the intersection of Nash and Tarboro Streets, showing the town pump in the center of the intersection. This was the public water supply for some years after the founding of the town. You may also notice the public "convenience" (a privy) only a few yards from the town well—a sight which would bring cold shivers to the health department of today.

Cotton was the agricultural commodity of choice in those days with tobacco yet to come some 15 years later. Wilson was a popular place for farm residents to visit as a variety of stores sprang up (and changed hands often) within the first 25 years of the town's existence.

The section from an 1872 map (see page 27) shows some of the stores surrounding this intersection. There were two Barnes stores across from each other. The one on the north side eventually turned into the first National Bank which later built the first "skyscraper" in Wilson, now the Wilson County Office Building. That bank disappeared in a merger some years ago along with that family's interest in downtown business property. The J. T. Barnes store, across the street, was owned by Sheriff Barnes. The 1870 census lists his occupation as "loafer." He must have annoyed the census taker in some way.

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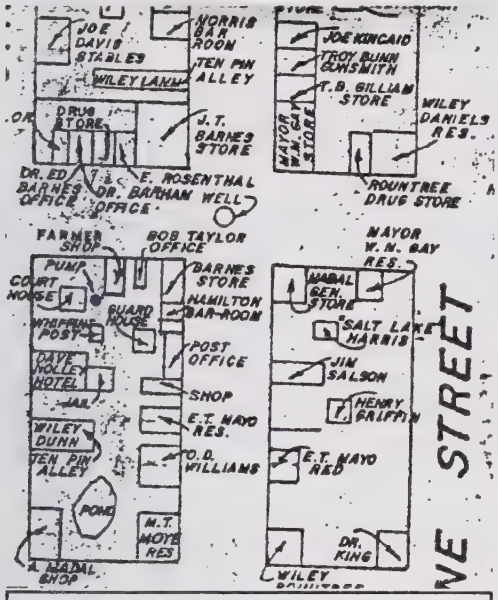

Downtown Wilson 1872, section of the map prepared by E. B. Mayo, courtesy F. T. Green & Assoc. Note the well at the intersection of Nash and Tarboro Streets.

Anthony Nadal's General Store later became a pharmacy, and the last Nadal left Wilson many years ago. That site was turned into a parking lot some time back.

Bob Taylor was a prominent cotton grower and dealer, and farm manager for Alpheus Branch (founder of BB&T). He was the Wilson Register of Deeds (1856-59) and a founder and part time minister of the First Christian Church. He also operated a corn and cotton gin (steam).

Mr. Albert Farmer's shop was popular with farmers as he and Mr. Alexander Wainwright made and sold plows and other farm implements. Wilson still has many Farmer families but none with downtown interests. The Wainwright family has not maintained a downtown presence either. There are no longer any descendants of Charles Rountree's drug store business interests downtown. William M. Gay's Store (first a grocers, later dry goods) closed about 50 years ago after moving to another location. Emil Rosenthal's sons-in-law, Jonas and David Oettinger, bought him out. That store closed some years ago.

Everyone should get a chuckle at the whipping post and guard house, both located behind the present-day tax office. G. B. Hamilton's barroom was popular for a few years and featured fish and oysters at any time of the day. The photographer's shop beside the post office survived until a year or so ago and was offered for sale. No one wanted it so it was demolished for another county parking lot.

Many businesses have moved to the outskirts of the city, and the key to their success there seems to be abundant free parking. We have a downtown parking commission which juggles a modest number of spaces, but there simply isn't enough space to attract a "big box" store and its steady flow of customers without a lot more parking with no charges attached. In our travels in Britain, we have been interested to see the successful efforts to preserve city center business districts in towns everywhere by offering abundant cheap parking and by restricting outlying development. "Big-box" stores are permitted only in very large cities where they won't impact smaller local merchants.

Henry & Sue Powell.

JOSEPH D. TAYLOR OBITUARY

The Wilson Times, April 26, 1916

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

J. D. TAYLOR DEAD.

The End Came This Afternoon After a Long Illness.—Funeral Thursday Afternoon.

J. D. Taylor, one of the leading merchants of Wilson and manager of the Barnes-Graves Grocery Company died this afternoon at 2:55 after an illness of seven weeks.

The announcement of the passing of Mr. Taylor brings sadness to a large circle of intimate friends and business associates who have enjoyed his acquaintance during a period of years.

A native of Wilson county, Joe Taylor, as he was called by every one, was the son of Mr. And Mrs. J. M. Taylor. He was 39 years old and leaves a wife and two children.

His mother died two years ago and the aged father still survives. There is one brother, Mr. W. J. Taylor and three sisters: Mrs. C. B. Taylor, Mrs. W. C. Sadler and Miss Dedie Taylor.

Mr. Taylor was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants Association and always devoted to the betterment of the community. He was a member of the First Baptist church of Wilson.

The funeral services will be conducted at the home, corner of Green and Pine streets, Thursday afternoon at 3:30. Rev. T. W. Chambliss, pastor of the Baptist church will officiate. [Editor's note: Joseph D. Taylor was born 27 August 1877, and was buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson. His parents were Jessie and Sallie C. Taylor, farmers living in the Wilson Township according to the 1900 Wilson County Federal Census. Joseph and his sister Sallie D. were both employed as clerks in 1900. His siblings, according to the 1880 Wilson County Census, were Florence, born 1867; Nanna J., born 1870; Ida L., born 1872; and Sallie D., born 1874. The brother named in the obituary is not in the household in the census of 1870, 1880, or 1900. Jesse M. Taylor was in the household of David and Lucinda Taylor in the 1860 Wilson County Census. The marriage of Jesse M. Taylor to Sallie Barbee is recorded in the Wilson County marriage records.]

LET'S HAVE HORNER'S SCHOOL

The Wilson Times, December 6, 1913

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

It appears from articles published in the State papers that the Horner Military School, recently burned, is not to be rebuilt at Oxford, N. C., where it has been since it was founded sixty years ago. Richmond and Petersburg, Va., and Raleigh, N. C. are making efforts to get this school. It is very likely that Col. J. C. Horner, the principal of the school, would prefer a smaller town than either of those mentioned. It seems to us that this is an excellent opportunity for the Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of Wilson to "get busy."

The resources of Wilson such as railroad facilities, excellent health conditions, etc., should make the town an ideal one for such an institution as the Horner Military School. There are numbers of old "Horner Boys" in Wilson who would be delighted to see the school established here.

THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS DIRECTORY FOR 1872

Edited by Rev. Levi Branson

Excerpt from *Business Directories of Wilson County, North Carolina*
Assembled by Hugh B. Johnston, 1976

Wilson County.

Population in 1870—12,258.
White, 7,185; Colored, 5,073
County Seat—Wilson
Population—1,036
White, 749; Colored, 287.
Wilson, (including township,) 3,170.

County Officers.

Clerk Superior Court.—A. Barnes
Commissioners.—W. D. Rountree, Jas. Bajett [sic. ?], Wm. Hinnant, N. D. Owens, M. J. Edwards.
Coroner.—H. W. Peel.
Register of Deeds.—Thos. Jeff. Rowe.
Sheriff.—B. F. Briggs.
Solicitor.—John V. Sherrard, 3d Dis.
Surveyor.—James W. Taylor.
Standard Keeper.—A. Farmer.
Treasurer.—H. C. Moss.

Town Officers.

WILSON.—*Mayor*—A. Barnes.
Commissioners.—W. J. Bullock, S. M. Warren, W. P. Wooten, S. B. Farmer, G. W. Blount.
BACK CREEK [sic.]—*Mayor*—John W. Hunt.
Commissioners.—C. B. Strickland, A. Barnes, Calvin Bond, John P. Barden, F. J. Woodard.

Townships.

Names, Clerks and Post Offices of Clerks.

Wilson—M. T. Moye, Wilson.
Black Creek—Joseph S. Holt, Black Creek.
Cross Roads—Josse Lucust, Black Creek.
Spring Hill—A. T. Davis, Wilson.
Old Field—P. W. Barnes, Wilson.
Taylors—John Dew, Wilson.
Joyners—John D. Wells, Joyners.
Gardner's—A. C. Burnett, Wilson.
Saratoga—A. B. Owens, Wilson.
Stantonsburg—D. M. Stanton, Stantonsburg.

Churches.

Names, Pastors and Denom.

Toisnote [sic.]—Wilson, P. D. Gold,	Prim. Bap
White Oak—Wilson, Jesse Baker,	Prim. Bap
Black Creek—Black Creek, W. W. Barnes,	Prim. Bap
Upper Black Creek—Black Creek, Kintchen Crumpler,	Prim. Bap
Upper Town Creek—Joyner's, B. P. Pitt,	Prim. Bap
Contentnea—Wilson, T. W. Wells,	Prim. Bap
St. Timothy—Wilson, A. A. Benton,	Epis
Wilson—Wilson, _____,	Miss. Bap
Union—Wilson, _____,	Miss. Bap
Wilson—Wilson, F. H. Wood,	Meth
Barefoots—Wilson, F. H. Wood,	Meth
Batts—Joyner's, Joseph Wheeler,	Meth
Mt. Zion—Joyner's, Jos. Wheeler,	Meth
Pleasant Grove—Wilson, J. Johnston,	Meth

Hotels.

Names, Post Offices and Proprietors.

Rail Road House, Wilson, Mrs. R. H. Blount.
Devreux House, Wilson, Miss Hariet Devreaux.

Lawyers.

Names of Lawyers and Post Offices.

Blount, G. W., Wilson.
Connor, H. G., Wilson.
Kenan & Dunham, Wilson.
Lancester, John, Wilson.
Moss, H. C., Wilson.
Shepherd, J. E., Wilson.
Singletary, R. W., Wilson.
Woodard, Jas. S., Wilson.

Manufactories.

Manufactories, Post Offices and Proprietors.

Cabinet Maker, Wilson, Wooten & Stevens.
House Builder, Wilson, O. Lipscomb.
House Builder, Wilson, R. D. Alley.
House Builder, Wilson, A. A. Lum.
Iron Foundery and Plow Makers, Wilson, Farmer & Wainright.
Tinners, Wilson, R. L. Wyatt, Palmer & Granger.
Gun Smith, Wilson, Benjaman Ward.
Painter, Wilson, Lawrence Friar.
Painter, Wilson, S. W. Jackson.
Coach Makers, Wilson, Hackney & Murray.
Coach Maker, Wilson, G. H. Griffin.

Merchants.

Names, Post Offices, Line of Business.

Bass, E. B., & L., Black Creek,	Dry Goods
Branch & Co., Wilson,	Gros
Cotton, R. R., & Co., Wilson,	Dry Goods and Gros
Clark, E. G., Wilson,	Dry Goods and Gros
Christmas, N. C., Wilson,	Gros & Liq
Crafton, J. A., Wilson,	Gros & Liq
Davis, A. C., & Co., Wilson,	Dry Goods
Gilliam, T. B., Wilson,	Cofec
Gay, T. D., Wilson,	Gros
Green, Z.H. & Son., Wilson,	Dry Goods & Gros
Harriss & Blackwell, Wilson,	Gros & Liq
McNair, C., Wilson,	Confec & Baker
Rountree, Baker & Hadley, Wilson,	Dry Goods & Gros
Rosenthall, E., Wilson,	Dry Goods
Spier, S. E., Wilson,	Dry Goods
Thomas, J. J., Wilson,	Dry Goods
Tyson, B. H., & Co., Wilson,	Dry Goods
Waters, E., Wilson,	Dry Goods & Gros
Wiel, J., Wilson,	Dry Goods
Winstead, H., Joyners,	Dry Goods
Wells, J. D., Joyners,	Dry Goods
Woodard, S., & Son., Black Creek,	G S
Warren, S. M., Wilson,	G S

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Ministers, Resident.

Names, Post Offices and Denominations.

Barnes, W. W., Wilson,	Prim. Bap
Gold, P. D., Wilson,	Prim. Bap
Cobb, Wm. H., Joyner's,	Dis. of Christ
Hines, Peter E., Wilson,	Dis. of Christ
Moye, M. T., Wilson,	Dis. of Christ
Taylor, R. J., Wilson,	Dis. of Christ
Wood, F. H., Wilson,	Meth
Hooper, Wm., D. D., Wilson,	Bap

Mills.

Kinds, Post Offices and Proprietors.

Saw, [steam,] Wilson, Barnes & Briggs.
Corn and Cotton Gin, [steam,] Wilson, R. J. Taylor.
Cotton Gin, [steam,] Wilson, W. M. Gay.
Corn and Flour, [water] Saw, [water,] Saw, [steam,] Wilson, G. W. Barefoot.
Corn and Flour, Wilson, R. H. Baker.
Corn and Flour, Wilson, J. M. Taylor.
Corn and Flour, Wilson, Jas. Tomlinson.
Corn, Joyner's, H. Winstead.
Corn, Joyner's, W. D. Farmer.

Physicians.

Names and Post Offices.

Anderson, W. S., Black Creek.
Armstrong, J. H., Joyner's.
Applewhite, Thos. J., Stantonsburg.
Barham, R. G., Wilson.
Barnes, Ed., Wilson.
King, R. W., Wilson.
Moore, A. D., Wilson.
Peacock, C. C., Stantonsburg.
Stith, A. L., Wilson.
Stallings, J. B., Stantonsburg.
Telphure, David, Wilson.
Winstead, J. H., Joyner's.

Post Offices.

Black Creek,	Wilson, (c. h.)
Joyners Depot,	

Schools.

Names, Principals and Post Offices.

Wilson Collegiate Institute, for both Sex, Wilson, Sylvester Hassell, Pres.
Wilson Collegiate Seminary, for Young Ladies, Wilson, Wm. Hooper, D. D., & J. DeBerniere Hooper.

Farmers.

Post Officer, Names, Acres and Value.

BLACK CREEK—
J. W. Aycock, 419—$1,700;
J. M. Cooley, 370—$1,860;
Jesse Bass, 840—$3,400;
J. Bass, 1,069—$3,000;
A. Brooks, 944—$7,500;
A. Branch, 861—$4,500;
J. P. Barden, 444—$1,750;
R. M. Cox, 350—$1,500;
M. Darden, 736—$3,000;
J. Danil, 411—$1,500;
David Davis, 250—$1,000;
John Dew, 200—$1,200;
Jos. Terrell, 270—$1,000;
L. Newsome, 2,450—$15,000;
N. Newsome, 300—$1,400.

STANTONSBURG.—
G. W. Stanton, 192—$1,300;
W. Woodard, 600—$3,377;
S. S. Woodard, 630—$2,650;
Elizabeth Whitley, 282—$1,400;
Susan Edmundson, 618—$3,095;
A. G. Brooks, 434—$3,000;
W. T. Brewer, 469--$1,759;
E. Barnes, 1,210—$6,030;
G. T. Daily, 174—$1087;
W. S. Dunn, 785—$3,809;
J. H. Applewhite, 282—$1,762;
W. H. Applewhite, 222—$1,388;
Wm. Barnes, jr., 886—$5,659;
Isabella Barnes, 213—$1,339;
Washington Barnes, , 188—$1,113;
F. M. Moye, 266—$2,875;
W. Simms, 2,789—$11,800;
A. J. Heath, 440—$1,980;
R. W. Edmundson, 512—$1,920.

WILSON—
Miss S. J. Adams, 183—$2,500;
W. H. Battle, 321—$900;
Mrs. T. Barnes, 400—$2,250;
Wm. J. Bullock, 100—$2,000;
E. D. Robbins, 200—$1,000;
C. Barnes, 333—$1,450;
John Barnes, 1047—$4,700;
G. J. Barnes, 1,272—$7,000;
A. J. & G. W. Barefoot, 3,318—$20,000;
Elizabeth Page, 295—$600;
Willie Daniel, 65—$1,600;
W. J. Selly, 2—$1,500;
Mrs. F. L. Jenkins, 300—$3,000;
John Dew, 473—$3,400;
Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer, 493—$2,450;
S. B. Farmer, 562—$2,400;
J. B. Farmer, 516—$2,500;
S. Farmer, 250—$1,250;
L. D. Freeman, 696—$2,500;
Mrs. S. R. Hines, 220—$1,200;
T. J. Hadley, 150—$1,500;
Dr. R. W. King, 100—$800;
H. C. Morse, 150—$1,200;
E. M. Nadal, 62—$2,000;
M. Rountree, 230—$2,000;
James Rountree, 384—$5,000;
Mrs. M. E. Rountree, 200—$1,250;
J. Smith, 1,000—$5,000;
E. D. Strickland, 256—$1000;
Mrs. B. M. Selby, 17—$2,700.

A LIST OF TAXABLES IN CAPTAIN COOK'S DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1805

John Gray Blount Papers, Misc., Tax List, Wayne County, N. C.

Contributed by Grace W. Turner

	Acres of Land	Free Pole	Black Pole	Stud Horses	Store Houses
Arthur Bass	464	1			
William Wootton	105		2		
James Barden	890		2		
John Sketo	275	1			
John Barnes	1452	1	4		
William Newsom	1105				
Jacob Peacock	100	3			
Benjamin Sanders	240	1			
James Aycock	300	1			
John Pervice	450				
Jacob Copeland	266	1	2		
Russel Forman		1			
Benjamin Chance	220				
John Minshew	225	1	3		
Ichabod Pearson	533	1			
Cullen Edmondson	300	1	1		
John Blowe		1			
Henry Sauls S^{nr}	200	1			
Richard Edmondson	122				
John Edmondson		1			
John Peacock	939		3		
Noah Peacock		1			
William Teddor	112	1			
Joel Bryan	300	1			
John Woodard	822	1	1		
Jason Yelventon	150	1			
Isham Loving	100	1			
Wright Lancastor	636	1	1		
John Sherard	1393		9		
Benjamin Chance J^{nr}					
John Chance	100	1			
Jacob Fulghum	232	1		$3-1	
David Daniel	103	1			
Elisha Odom		1			
Arthur Davis		1			
Richard Woodell		1			
Matthew Fulghum		1			
John Fulghum	327				
Lues Chance		1			
Stephen Cook J^{nr}		1			
Edwin Hollowell	837	1	4		
Penolepe Edmondson	300		4		
Burrel Edmondson	200	1	1		
Shadrach Braswell	110	1	2		
Ira Watkins		1			
Lidey Watkins	500		1		
Jacob Tomas	100	1			
Richard Blow	100	1			
Drewrey Hooks	700		4		
Ephraim Hooks	200	1	1		
John Lane	400	1	1		
Henry Bryan	165	1		$3-1	
William Ballence		1			
Jesse Rouse	238	1			
John Pope		1			
Stephen Folson		1			
Joseph Hastey	123	1			
Jesse Lowe		1			
John Davis J^{nr}	300	1			
Richard Davis	325				
William Ellis		1			
William Folson		1			
Simon Peacock	794				
Jacob Cook	200	1	3		
Noah Peacock son of Simon		1			
John Charles	161¼	1			
Barney Hammilton	424	1	1		
Joel Newsome S^{nr}	400				
Joseph Striclen		1			
Hardy Yelventon	647		3		
Elizabeth Yelventon S^{nr}	280				
Thomas Overman	250	1			
Stephen Cook S^{nr}	200	1	5		
Elizabeth Yelventon J^{n}	760		4		
Willis Newsom		1			
John Harrel		1			
Henry Saules J^{n}		1			
James Deens	450	1	1		1
Ephraim Pierce	63				
James Holland	100				
John Stuckey	90	1			
Elisha Holland	872	1	1		
William Bryan	250	1	1		
John Heath	140	1			
John Woodard gardean To Marget Woodard	137½				
John Woodard gardean To Ann Woodard	137½				
Elizabeth Davis	150				
Elizabeth Davis gardean To Sarah Davis	35				
Elizabeth Davis gardean To Robert Davis	136				
Elizabeth Davis gardean To Aseneth Davis	161				
Elijah Coalman	318	2			
Caleb Hall	320	1			
Wright Sanders	270	1	2		
John Sanders	500	1			
Joseph Hollowell	1364½	1			
Ecum Hollowell		1			
Peacocks Cato	100		1		
William Dickinson	1257		1		
Joseph Martin	438	1	4		
Jacob Benson		1			
Simon Bozwell	200				

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	Acres of Land	Free Pole	Black Pole	Stud Horses	Store Houses
Joseph Bozwell		1			
James Sparkman		1			
Isaac Parker	200	1			
Nathan Parker		1			
William Bunday		1			
Jesse Aycock	1161		1		
Jesse Overman		1			
John Overman	150				
Mark Monden		1			
Zacheriah Morris	250	2	2		1
Joab Newsom	520	1	1		
David Gillecan		1			
Cammel Parrisho		1			
Thomas Cook	372½	1			
Cornelius Outland	393				
Exum Outland	200	1	2		
Arthur Cook	125	1	1		
Edward Mayo	107½	1			
Luke Woodard	1700	1	1		
Ichabod Bozwell		1			
Philip Bratchor	260				
Benjamin Bogue	100	1			
John Cook	185	1	1		
Aaron Overman	167				
George Forrest	174		3		
Uriah Peacock	75				
David Newsom	750				
John Jones	220	1			
Tobias Jones	200	1			
James Jones		1			
Benjamin Arnold	200				
Nathan Arnold		1			
Benjamin Blowe	50	1			
John Saules	230	1	1		
Jesse Braswell	160	1	1		
John King	450		5		
Moses Purvis		1			
Jeremiah Purkins	61				
Silas Hollowell	800				
John Davis	445	1			
Isaac Paget		1			
Ephraim Daniel	1540	1	7	$3-1	
Jeremiah Morres	233	1			
Robert Monden		1			
William Martin	250	1			
John Lamb		1			
George Mitchel	30	1			
James Bartlet	230	1			
William Hastey	150	1			
Susanna Hill	130				
Jesse Bozwell	50	1			
William Smith		1			
Benjamin Bryan	150		3	$3-1	
Stephen Peacock	381	1			
John Bartlet	170	1			
Samuel Bartlet	300				
Joel Newsom J^{n}	318	1			
James Bridgor	100	1			
William Bartlet		1			
Arthur Watkins		1			
Isaac Newsom		1			
Jacob Daniel	275	1			
Solomon Daniel	225	1	1		
Corde Saules		1			
James Minshew	313	1	1		
Jesse Minshew	313	1	1		
Robert Hooks		1	1		
Willie Fort	1600	1	8		
Daniel Newsom		1			
Joseph Minshew	275	1	1		
Benjamin Bozwell		1			

This may Certifie that the above is a true List of the aforesaid taxables

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(on the reverse)

Capt Cooks Dis^{t} For 1805

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THE CHERO-COLA PLANT

The Wilson Times, July 18, 1916

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

CHERO-COLA—EVERYBODY LIKES IT

Most Popular Drink On The Market Today

Ever Increasing Patronage Manifest by Big Additions at the Home Company's Plant at Columbus, Georgia and Marvelous Growth of Business Here in Wilson.

Mr. J. Caney Brown, proprietor of the Chero-Cola plant here in Wilson is a happy man these days.

And he has a right to "wear the smile that never comes off," when one realizes that the sale of Chero-Cola in a few months has grown by leaps and bounds and still the people cry for more.

This increase in business is not alone due to the popularity of the drink but the cleanliness of the big establishment and the sanitary condition of the machine and the bottles, and the desire of the management to please the big line of customers, both in town and country.

This drink which is only four years old is now bottled in twelve different states and the parent company in Columbus, Ga. is erecting a building containing 125,000 square feet of floor space to accommodate the ever-increasing demand made upon the company to supply the beverage.

Mr. Brown informs us that his sales have quadrupled within the short space of time he has been bottling the drink in this city.

Don't fail to call for Chero-Cola, the best drink in the world.

[Editor's notes: According to the 1916-17 Hill Wilson City Directory, the Chero-Cola plant was located at 308 E. Barnes St. By 1920, it had been relocated to 216 E. Barnes St. Other soft drink bottlers were Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., 207-209 S. Goldsboro St. and Wilson Bottling Works, 110-112 S. Goldsboro St. Chero-Cola was not listed in 1922-23.]

DEATHS OF MEMBERS JESSE S. BARNES CAMP UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS WILSON, N. C.

Abstracted by M. W. "Monk" Moore

The Jesse S. Barnes Camp of Confederate Veterans was organized January 11, 1900, in Wilson, N. C., by Confederate veterans from Wilson and surrounding areas. The Camp was named for a confederate soldier from Wilson County who was killed in the Battle of Seven Pines.

A journal of the meetings of the Camp was kept from December 19, 1899, (the date of a pre-organization meeting) through 1927. The final entry in the journal is a notation of the death of W. D. Lucas, a Wilson veteran, by Major B. H. Tyson of Pikeville. The date recorded is February 28, 1928.

The journal includes the by-laws of the organization, minutes of meetings, and the deaths of members that were reported to the camp. These deaths may not be recorded anywhere else, therefore, I present them here.

Veteran	Death Date
R. D. Alley	January 8, 1917 S. C.
Thomas W. Anderson	reported 1909
J. B. Bardin	February 3, 1912
William Bardin	reported 1909
J. J. Barefoot	October 2, 1910
J. H. Barkley	May 21, 1921
J. B. Bartlett	June 1916
F. W. Barnes	May 30, 1910
John Barnes	November 1911
L. D. W. Barnes	November 25, 1923
Joseph John Batts	born April 13, 1841 died April 7, 1915 Son of Redmon Batts & Sarah
John T. Bass	December 18, 1925
Larry Bass	May 21, 1915
J. H. L. Best	April 2, 1915
J. R. Bissette	July 1908
Henry W. Blount	reported 1914
A. B. Boykin	March 22, 1924, Wilson, N. C.
Rev. B. Hardy Boykin	September 18, 1920
William M. Boykin	January 17, 1916
Bunyan Boswell	March 20, 1918
John A. Boswell	April 8 or 9, 1919
B. F. Briggs	May 11, 1910
W. W. Briggs	May 19, 1921
Thomas W. Braswell	January 24, 1919
Albert Brinkley	reported 1920
Bennett Bullock	March 30, 1909
P. C. Coley	reported 1919
Debro Crocker	reported 1908
Barnes Daniel	June 27, 1909
Elijah Davis	January 25, 1919
John R. Davis	reported 1921-22
John Dew	June 1, 1908
David Deans	reported 1921-22
Thomas Dixon	reported 1916
W. D. Dunn	reported 1915
Taylor Eatmon	January 30, 1910
William Ellis	September 2, 1916
Granberry B. Etheridge	November 22, 1921
J. C. Farmer	March 1916
W. C. Farmer	April 26, 1909
Wiley D. Farmer	February 14, 1920
Eli Felton	November 10, 1909
Thomas Felton	January 6, 1921
John C. Finch	May 1908
Eli Flora	reported 1909
E. H. Flowers	July 1, 1919, Wilson, N. C.
J. T. Flowers	reported 1915
James Fulghum	May 13, 1920
Joe E. Fulghum	May 13, 1920
T. W. Fulghum	December 8, 1910
James Gay	December 9, 1922
John J. Gay	born December 7, 1831 died March 19, 1906
Henry L. Graves	November 20, 1920, Smithfield, N. C.
David Griffin	July 28, 1909
T. J. Hadley	August 3, 1917
Amos Harrell	reported 1916
W. Tom Hayes	reported 1916
Rubin Hayes	March 1909
T. P. Henderson	reported 1914
Dr. N. B. Herring	May 27, 1923, Wilson, N. C.
Allison High	July 1920, Middlesex, N. C.
H. H. High	reported 1915
J. H. Jenkins	February 20, 1927
Isham Lamm	August 6, 1910
W. H. Langley	September 1918, Elm City, N. C.
B. B. Lewis	August 1923
Caswell Lewis	September 1919, Sims, N. C.
John Henry Lucas	October 7, 1915
W. D. Lucas	February 28, 1928
W. M. Marlow	May 16, 1910
James H. Marshburn	April 3, 1919, Wilson, N. C.
Samuel B. Marshburn	December 1920, Rocky Mount, N. C.
George W. Mathews	reported 1910
John Gilbert McKethan	September 1915
Wiley B. Mercer	reported 1921-22
W. H. Mercer	December 3, 1924
James W. Mercer	December 1919
John R. Moore	born February 10, 1843 died March 15, 1905
Nathan G. Moore	September 1919
Allan M. Murray	reported 1920
Exum O'Neal	January 1920
W. A. Peacock, Jr.	November 8, 1919
A. T. Parker	August 4, 1921, Elm City, N. C.
Stephen Peele	September 27, 1920, Lucama, N. C.
W. T. Pittman	October 1, 1913, Whitakers, N. C.
James A. Privett	March 11, 1912
L. T. Raper	August 1909

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Veteran	Death Date
Robert Raper	November 11, 1910
John Hanley Renfrow	January 1, 1920, Lucama, N. C.
Ruffin Renfrow	reported 1907
W. W. Robbins	reported 1920
D. M. Roberts	March 1909
W. T. Rose	November 28, 1916
Gray Ruffin	July 4, 1918
W. G. Sharpe	June 23, 1916
W. P. Snakenburg	May 23, 1916
J. F. Stokes	March 26, 1916
Bunyan Stott	reported 1921-22
J. H. Stott	April 1924, Bailey, N. C.
A. J. Thompson	reported 1922-23
B. E. Thompson	November 28, 1920, Wilson County
J. G. Tindall	January 18, 1918
R. H. Tomlinson	April 27, 1910
Seth Tyson	May 1908, age 75
John B. Vick	October 7, 1915
G. D. Walston	January 21, 1919
Raiford Walston	June 21, 1918
Henry May Warren	February 27, 1906
Levin Watson	April 1921, Kenly, N. C.
Joel T. Wells	November 26, 1918
G. D. Wells	January 21, 1919
W. H. White	reported 1915
Jas. T. Wiggins	May 1924
S. E. Wilkins	November 23, 1904
John D. Williams	reported 1922-23
W. B. Williams	January 14, 1917, Bailey, N. C.
Eli Williamson	December 1920
Levi Williamson	September 3, 1908
Henry Willoughby	February 1923
James S. Woodard	May 3, 1912
Thomas Woodard	reported 1920
W. P. Wooten	September 12, 1916
W. E. Yelverton	reported 1915

THE BLOOMERY
Hugh B. Johnston files

On January 4, 1803, Commissioners Thomas Horn, William Horn, William Horn, Sr., and John Eatmon, with Surveyor Samuel Smith, proceeded "to lay off an Acre of Land on each side of the great Swamp agreeable to an order obtained in the Worshipful Court aforesaid May Term 1802 by Benjamin Farmer for the purpose of Re-building the Bloomery & Grist mill" in Nash County. On November 3, 1809, Commissioners Thomas Horn, William Horn, David Bundy, and Eli Mercer, by order of Nash County Court in August, 1809, "have laid off an acre of Land for the purpose of building a Mill at the old blumery" for Theophilus Grice, said acre being valued at twenty shillings.

[Editor's note: An iron bloomery, sometimes called Catalan Forge, operated from 1779 to around 1848 in what is now Wilson County. When the Revolutionary War began, iron was no longer available from England, so it became necessary to make it here. The ore was hauled three miles from the Iron Mine on Toisnot Swamp in present Nash County.]

JAMES DANIEL CEMETERY
Contributed by Laura E. Newsome

James Daniel, son of Jacob and Sarah, b. 9-18-1802, d. 11-23-1854

Zilpha Daniel, daughter of Joel & Elizabeth Newsom, b. 3-24-1802, d. 7-15-1862

Lawrence T. Daniel, son of James and Zilpha,. b.9-29-1830, d. 9-29-1861

Joseph N. Daniel, son of James & Zilpha, b. 11-1-1832, d. 9-27-1852

James F. Daniel, son of James & Zilpha, b. 1-18-1834, d. 6-4-1859

Mary G. Daniel, dau. of James & Zilpha, b. 12-27-1841, d. 7-18-1862

(There were two headstones and two foot stones for her side by side.)

Martha L. Daniel, dau. of James & Zilpha, b. 12-21-1841, d. 2-14-1863

Eliza A. Daniel, dau. of James & Zilpha, b. 9-15-1828, d. 4-17-1861

Sallie A. Woodley, wife of G C Woodley, dau. of James & Zilpha , b. 7-13-1838, d. 1-31-1861

Elizabeth J. Daniel Upchurch, wife of Turner Joyner, b. 8-26-1824, d. 11-28-1908

Albert J. Upchurch, son of Alford A. & Jennie, b. 4-18-1833, d. 3-2-1873

The cemetery is thick with ivy and briars all over. In the middle of the graveyard there is a tall stone with Mrs. E. J. Joyner on the bottom. On the top coming down is a list of all the names of the people in the graveyard. There are also four bases without headstones and one with no writing at all, broken in half. There is an old padlock and the name A. J. Upchurch on the gate of the spiked wrought iron fence.

This graveyard is behind their home on Howard Loop Road (see picture above) State Rd # 1620, that is off Woodbridge Road, State Rd # 1628, and that is off Frank Price Church Rd, State Rd # 1613...all in Wilson County.

James Daniel, Sr., son of Jacob, born c. 1780, died bef. 1820, and Sally Simms Daniel, the daughter of Britton and Mary Barnes Simms. Other children of Jacob and Sally were Britton, Moses, and Isaac.

James Daniel married Zilphia Newsom bef. 1826, in Wayne Co. Jacob R., born 1826, died aft. 1862, was also a child of James and Zilphia. He served as First Lieutenant in the Mexican War, having enlisted Dec. 25, 1846, in Company B and served until July 28, 1848.

Zilphia was the daughter of Elizabeth, born c. 1778, died before 1778, and Joel Newsom III, born c. 1778, died November, 1837. She had two brothers and two sisters, Larry L., born June 14, 1808, James, born 1818, Vicey, born 1811, and Charity, born 1822. In his will, Joel III left Zilpha land between Black Creek and Contentnea Creek. Vicey and Charity were not named in the will. In the 1850 Wayne County Census, Zilphia and James Daniel lived near Stephen Woodard. Zilphia left a will in which she named her children Jacob, Elizabeth, and Martha Daniel, and her son-in-law George A Woodley. A. G. Brooks was executor, and he and Washington Barnes were witnesses.

ARTHUR DOBBS MCKEEL BIBLE

Arthur Dobbs M^{c}Keel and Nancy Sarah Harrison were united in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony at home on the 17 day of Dec. 1874, by Rev. T. Moore in the Presence of T. Beamon and Joe Speight.

FAMILY RECORD

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF MARRIAGE	DATE OF DEATH
FATHER Arthur Dobbs	Greene Co.	July 17-1854	Dec 17-74	April 3, 1937
MOTHER Nancy Sarah	Greene Co.	Nov 13-55	" " "	Nov 22 1920
CHILDREN Joseph William	Greene Co.	Dec. 7, 1875	Oct. 9-13	Sept. 1935
Walter Odie	Greene Co.	Feb. 4-78	Mar.	May 5,1931
Arthur James	Greene Co.	Oct. 30-79	Aug. 15, 1911	Dec. 7, 1930
Addie Rebecca	Wilson Co.	Mar. 26-82	Feb. 25, 1913	
Alfred Moore	Greene Co.	Dec. 17-84	Jan. 2, 1918	
Florence Virginia	Greene Co.	Feb. 25-88	Oct. 7, 1913	Mar. 4-1947
Charlie	Greene Co.	" " "		Dec. 4-1890
N. Leafy Clifton	Greene Co.	Mar. 10-94	Aug. 26-18	
Grandmother				
Martha C. Harrison	Greene Co.	Dec. 25-1831		Feb. 15, 1931

The family of Arthur Dobbs and Nancy "Nannie" Harrison McKeel. Front row: Leafy C.; second row: Alfred Moore, Arthur D., Nannie, Florence V.; back row: Joseph William, Arthur J., Addie R, and Odie McKeel.

The photo to the right was submitted to Carol Forbes as one of Arthur Dobbs and Nannie McKeel. The photo has a crack running across the face of A. D. which we have attempted to repair. After studying the two photos, your editors submit the possibility that the woman is not Nannie but possibly her mother Martha Barfield Harrison (see next column). Nannie's face is oval, her lips are full, and her chin seems to recede. This woman appears older than A. D., to have a square face, slim lips, and her chin does not recede. Martha Harrison lived with A. D. until her death, and this photo could have been made after Nannie died.

MRS. MARTHA HARRISON OBITUARY

***The Daily Times*, February 19, 1931**

Contributed by Sue Evans Powell

Funeral and burial services of Mrs. Martha Harrison, ninety-nine years old was conducted Monday afternoon by Rev. Heart of Snow Hill at the home of A. D. McKeel of Saratoga township.

She was at the time of her death, one of the oldest if not the oldest person in Wilson County.

Prior to her marriage in eighteen hundred and fifty-three she was Miss Martha Barnfield.[sic. Barfield] All of her six children preceeded her in death some years ago. She had one living son-in-law, Mr. A. D. McKeel, whom she lived with at the time of her death. She was survived by twenty-seven grandchildren and fourty-six great grand children who are some of the prominent citizens of Wake, Durham, Bertie and Greene counties of North Carolina, points in Georgia, and Mrs. 0. J. Skinner, A. M. Keel, Mrs. B. J. Moody, Mrs. Carrie Flowers, and others of Wilson, N. C., Mrs. Florence Pope, and Mrs. Thad Farmer of Stantonsburg, Mr. J. H. McKeel of Walstonburg, Messrs.Seth, O. J., and Charlie Harrison of Elm City, Mrs. Emma Barnes and Mrs. Lena Jordan of Elm City.

She united with the Howell Swamp Free Will Baptist Church several years ago and lived a consecrated life throughout her useful years. Her ripe old age was a token of her useful life. Here on earth while she will be missed, heaven has gained a bright jewel.

Having retained a good recollection up to death it was a rare treat to converse with Mrs. Harrison about interesting happenings during and before the Civil War.

During the great strife of the Civil War she was a sunbeam and a solace to her community, visiting the war widows and fatherless children pointing them to the One that takes all sorrows away.

The large concourse of neighbors and friends attended the funeral and the beautiful floral tribute was a manifestation of the love and esteem of her broad acquaintance.

The pall-bearers consisted of the following grandchildren, Messrs. J.,Seth, Charlie and Alonza Harrison and A. M. and Silas McKeel.

The flower girls were: Miss Ethel Shelton, Bettie M. Dupree, Mrs. Hawkins, Elizabeth Moody, Margaret Lancester, Marjorie Pope and Francis G. McKeel.

[Editor's note: Her husband, William Henry Harrison, was born March 30, 1834, and died July 21, 1896. The children of Martha and Henry were Nancy Sarah Harrison (McKeel), [see left column]; William Turner Harrison; James Ira Harrison, d. Nov. 12, 1925; Jerry F. Harrison; Joseph Sanders, d. Dec. 21, 1917; and Martha C. Harrison (McKeel).]

MINUTES—February 24, 2004

Wilson County Genealogical Society met Tuesday, February 24, 2004, at Durwood Stancil, Inc. The meeting was called to order by President Carol Forbes who welcomed all present to the first meeting of the year. January's meeting was cancelled due to a winter storm.

Henry Powell gave the 2003 Annual Treasury report (summary at end). The Founding Families project is ongoing. An announcement will be made when the weekly library work sessions resume. No new business was presented.

Announcements: The Wilson County Public Library will be closed starting Thursday for 10-14 days while the new heating system is installed. The Black Creek Historical Society has a website www.orgsites.com/nc/bchs. We will ask that they add a link to WCGS. They plan to reissue *Black Creek: The First One Hundred Years* in a CD format. The *History of Stantonsburg* is being reprinted in a revised format. Marguerite Whitley expects to receive a proof copy later this week. The Family Research Society of Northeastern North Carolina is sponsoring a genealogy fair on March 13, 2004. Pamphlets were available for persons interested in attending. North Carolina Genealogical Society is collecting Bible records. Members are asked to contribute their records. Non-members will be charged $5/record. State Archives and Wilson County Public Library will copy your Bible records without charge and enter them into their files.

There being no further business Julia Millikin Batchelor and Nelson Stewart Lockey, president and vice president of Down East Scottish Society, were introduced. Julia gave a description of Scottish culture in which she touched on dance, music (violin, pipes, and harp), native animals (Scot Terrier, Highland cattle), Tartan Day, April 6 (to be held on Tarboro Common this year), athletics (Turn the Caper, wrestling, foot races), food (scones, Scottish shortbread). April has been designated as Scots Irish Heritage Month. She recognized a Scottish dance instruction program in Greenville.

The Down East Scottish Society was founded in 2003 to serve Nash, Edgecombe, Halifax, and Wilson Counties. They meet monthly on the third Monday night at an announced location. Further information can be seen on their website: www.downeastscots.com .

Nelson presented information about the immigration of Scots into North Carolina. More Scots came to N. C. than any other place in the world. From 1739-1776 50,000 Scots came to N. C. Lowlanders settled along the Cape Fear River from Wilmington to Cross Creek (Fayetteville). Many were clansmen (kin). Many Highland Scots went to the mountains where the Appalachian Mountain brogue is a carry over of the Scots brogue.

The emigration from Scotland was a result of the English oppression of the Scots. After the Scottish Wars with England, the English had required the Scots to swear loyalty to England and never to raise arms against England. The Scots residents in N. C. felt honor bound to keep their pledge, and when the Revolutionary War began, they either went back to Scotland, joined the English army, or tried to remain neutral.

Many Scots here became weavers (the basis for the N. C. textile industry) and coach makers.

The Highland Scots of North Carolina by Duane Meyer is a good reference book to read. Other resource books were shown.

A lively question and answer period followed.

Annual Treasury Report

Income		Expenses	
Dues	2930.00	Postage & Delivery	611.89
Publications	3245.14	Printing & Reproduction	4771.37
Other income	1128.04	Other expenses	1564.62
Total Income	**7303.18**	**Total Expenses**	**6947.88**

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400TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAMESTOWN

Contributed by James Fulghum

The Commonwealth of Virginia will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the settlement of its Jamestown Colony in 2007 with a statewide calendar of activities.

Cities, towns, and counties throughout Virginia will add their own celebrations to highlight commemoration in Jamestown, itself, in May 2007. The statewide activities will take place throughout the 2007 year.

At a meeting of representatives from communities all over Virginia in Richmond, on Thurs., Jan. 22, plans began to come together to celebrate the 1607 landing and settlement at Jametown. Also attending the meeting were representatives of the Fulgham/Fulghum Family National Association.

The Fulghum Family was invited to attend because of its heritage in Virginia, having settled there about 1641, and the family's plans in 2007. Carolyn A. Fulghum of Greenville, N. C., and Ted Crossland of Yorktown, Va., are co-chairmen of the Jamestown celebration committee for the Family. Preliminary plans call for the Fulgham/Fulghum Family National Association to conduct its annual Reunion in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in 2007, just across the James River from Jametown. In addition, St. Luke's Church in Smithfield, Virginia, a national shrine, will stage a special Pilgrimage in May, 2007, and has asked the Fulghum Family to head up the program since an acre of land was provided for the church's site by Michael Fulgham back in the 1600s. Robert L. Fulghum of Seattle, Washington, noted author, has been asked to serve as spokesman for the Family at the St. Luke's celebration and has agreed.

Members of the Fulgham/Fulghum Family from all over the world are urged to begin to make plans to attend the 2007 Reunion in order to participate in all the festivities. Jamestown is only a few miles from Colonial Williamsburg, one of the most popular tourism destinations in the U.S.

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___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1870.	$30.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume I	$30.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume II	$30.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume III	$30.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume IV	$30.00
___ **Wilson County's Architectural Heritage**	**$20.00**

Maps

___ Wilson County Historical Map	$5.00
___ Confederate Field Map #1	$5.00
___ Confederate Field Map #2	$5.00
___ Confederate Field Map #3	$5.00
___ Confederate Field Map #4	$5.00
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___ Town of Wilson, Map 1882	$5.00
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TREES OF WILSON

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President's Message

Spring greetings! The Wilson County Public Library was designed by Frank W. Benton and constructed in 1939. It is one of the most imposing Colonial Revival buildings in Wilson. As one of the biggest Works Progress Administration projects in Wilson County, it was intended to stimulate the post-depression economy.

This beautiful building is being remodeled and updated for the second time. Many exciting changes are taking place, and the walls are expanding.

A treasure trove of wonderful material is shelved within. One can do genealogical research, looking at microfilm and unpublished donated and published books. I was amazed at the large microfilm collection the library holds. One can find everything from Edgecombe, Johnston, Nash, Wayne, Wilson counties in the form of deeds, grants, estates records, marriage bonds, civil war veteran's records and more. Wilson County Census books of 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, cemetery inventories, books about Greene and surrounding counties, family histories, and Bible records can be found.

In another section, there is a collection of books of every description dealing with North Carolina. There are books about old churches, ones about North Carolina's history, magazines, newspapers in print form and on microfilm. There are biographies of North Carolineans and obituaries, books on the Mayflower ancestors, Scots in North Carolina, and people who moved away. The friendly staff is always willing to help when you ask for assistance.

People come from miles around to enjoy this treasure house of knowledge. I can't wait until all the remodeling is done, and we can enjoy the many changes. Take a look for your self what a wonderful library we have here in Wilson. See you there. I'll be in the Genealogy and Local History Section.

Carol M. Forbes, WCGS President.

April 27th Meeting

We will meet at Durwood Stancil, Inc., 3425 Ward Blvd. in Wilson, at 7 pm on Tuesday, April 27, 2004.

The program will be presented by Guy Potts, a Goldsboro native who lives and works in Raleigh. Guy currently serves as second vice-president of Old Dobbs Trail Genealogical Society and editor of their newsletter. He is also a member of the nationwide Pipkin Family Association and serves as editor of their newsletter.

Guy will speak to us about the USGenWeb Project and the amount of genealogical information that is now available on the internet in this area. He is file manager for some 40 eastern North Carolina counties. In that capacity, he receives document files from volunteers by e-mail that have been prepared and submitted for these counties. He then gets them uploaded to the proper web pages.

Guy also takes and finds pictures of old buildings and old pictures of people.

CHARTER MEMBER PASSES

It is with regret that we announce the death of Paul Clifford Darden, Jr. on March 30, 2004. Paul was a charter member and former board member of WCGS and attended almost all our meetings. He could identify so much of Wilson generational history because he said, "I am so old that I used to double date with Methuselah." He will be greatly missed.

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The Human Genome Project—Status report

On April 14, 2003, scientists announced that they had finished sequencing the human genome … logging the three billion pairs of DNA nucleotides that describe how to make a human being. However, finding all the working genes amid the junk in the sequence remains a further challenge, as does gaining a better understanding of how and when genes are activated and how their instructions affect the behavior of the protein molecules they describe …, a task called by the project director as "the end of the beginning." (*Scientific American*. April 2004, p.84)

While it is not yet common knowledge among everyone, the general details of how DNA works are widely known. Little did we know, 50 years ago when Watson and Crick announced in their local pub in Cambridge, England, that they had found the secret of life, that the simple alphabet of genetics would become the potential answer to all of our genealogical problems.

We are not anywhere close to being able to make use of that alphabet at the present time. Using an imaginary crystal ball to look into the future, we might see a case in which close scrutiny of individual genomes shows that Uncle Joe has a gene on chromosome 14 which has a cytosine in place of the adenine that Uncle Bill has at the same gene location. That change in one nucleotide would probably explain why Joe went bald by thirty while Bill has a full head of hair at sixty.

Today's school children are learning the basics of the genetic code, and an alert teenager should be able to correctly identify which nucleotides (A, C, G, and T) can pair with others to form DNA or RNA using a ribose sugar as the backbone of the molecule. Tomorrow's genealogists will have a new tool kit with which to work.

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FAMILY CONNECTIONS—*WILSON DAILY TIMES*

The Pilgrim Williams Family

We have been asked to document the history of our local Pilgrim Williams family. Here are some of the details which have turned up in our search.

The history of this family was published about 30 years ago by a descendant who lived in California. Since that time, the Internet has come along, and the status of family history research has improved greatly, so we can provide some additional information. The original book, "Deep Roots and Strong Branches" by Clara O'Brien, is shelved in the genealogy collection at the Wilson County Public Library.

Williams is an ancient surname. It is a "patronymic," that is a father's name used as a last name. This type of surname was common in Wales, a peninsula on the west side of England. The name "William" came to Britain with the invasion of the Normans in 1066 and spread widely thereafter as it was considered to be a powerful name. While there are families with the Williams name all over Wales, the greatest number seem to be in the northwestern county of Caernarvon. Our search through early immigrant records to the Colonies turned up several who possibly could be traced back to Caernarvonshire, and most of these seemed to have come to Nansemond County, Virginia (now the City of Suffolk) in the late 1600s. We did find at least one Williams family in Edenton in the early 1700s who could have immigrated to that port from Wales. The State of North Carolina has no passenger records at all for the port of Edenton (they were lost or burned long ago), so it it not possible to verify this finding.

Mrs. O'Brien relates the family legend that Pilgrim Williams was born during the voyage to America and was given his name to commemorate the trip. Our own research turned up a Pilgrim born in Edenton in 1710, son of John Williams. Mrs. O'Brien also relates that Samuel was the first Williams to arrive. Our research suggests that Rowland Williams was the immigrant ancestor of this family. Early records, particularly those of Nansemond County, are uncertain, and there are other possibilities. We do know that by 1715, Samuel was a landowner in Northampton County (just south of Nansemond County) and that Samuel moved to Edgecombe County by 1750 along with his brother, Pilgrim. Pilgrim's first son was named Rowland, which suggests that was the name of Pilgrim's father according to the Colonial system of naming children.

Samuel settled in the Tar River area near the Wilson-Rocky Mount Airport, while Pilgrim settled just to the north of Toisnot Swamp, now at the back of Silver Lake. We will leave Samuel's family for a later presentation and focus on Pilgrim because of the large number of his descendants in present Wilson County. The area of Edgecombe County in which both the Williams brothers lived later became Nash County.

Pilgram Williams, b. 1720, married Sarah before he moved to Edgecombe County. They had eight children, Rowland, b.1735, Mourning, Joel, Jonas, Billey, Drewry, Nathan, and Nannie. Pilgrim was dead by 1764, but Sarah lived, as a widow, until 1808, naming the same children in her will. Pilgrim built a simple house on his new land where Sarah lived until her death, but the house was left to son Joel. Rowland probably lived nearby until his death in 1813. In 1820, a new house was built in front of the old house. It still stands today, greatly modified but still original. Remnants of the original home foundation are said to remain behind the newer home. Rowland had at least five children. The oldest, Pilgrim L. Williams, probably inherited the home place. It was probably Pilgrim L. who built the present dwelling as he died about

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BRANSON AND FARROR'S NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS DIRECTORY OF 1866-67

Business Directories of Wilson County, North Carolina

Assembled by Hugh B. Johnston, 1976

[Editor's Note: This bound unpublished manuscript is shelved in the Wilson County Public Library.

Wilson in 1866

Bakery	Marshall & Co.
Books and Stationery	M. T. Moye
Cabinet Maker	D. A. Smith
Coach Making	Parker & Murray
	A. Wreem
Commission Merchants	G. W. Blount & Co.
	W. G. Sharpe & Co.
	J. J. Thomas & Co.
Confectioner	J. W. Caswell
County	Clerk B. F. Briggs
	Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 4th Monday in January, April, July, and October
	Sheriff J. W. Davis
Dentists	W. F. Bason
	G. W. Tatem
Druggist & Apothecary	Farmer & Brame
Drygoods and Grocers	Barnes & Farmer
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	Daniel & Tredwell
	J. B. Davis
	T. C. Davis & Co.
	A. J. Hines
	M. Rountree & Co.
	Winstead & Hardy
Drygoods	Barnes & Moore
	E. Rosenthal
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	Agent J. E. Shepherd, Southern Express Co.
Grocers	G. W. Blount & Co.
	W. G. Sharpe & Co.
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	Wilson Seminary, E. W. Adams, Principal
Tin and Sheet Iron Ware	J. H. Freeman
Watchmaker & Jeweler	H. Barnes

Stantonsburg In 1866

Drygoods	Wilson & Dunn
Grocers	Wilson & Dunn

(Pilgrim Williams Family *Continued from page 38)*

1841, leaving one son, John W. Williams who died in 1872. It isn't clear from the court record who took possession of the home place at that point as there were three separate divisions of the land. Pilgrim L. had a daughter, Celia (Selah) who married Barden Williams (origin unknown). Their family cemetery is very near the home place, and it is possible that they lived there.

The original family cemetery still remains in the very large front yard of the home, but there are no grave markers there now. Presumably, that is where Pilgrim, Sarah, Rowland, and other Williams descendants are buried.

Pilgrim's son Drewry married a cousin, Elizabeth Williams, and they had several children, among them a son, David, b. 1799. David was a Colonel in the Edgecombe Militia and served as a Legislator for the County. Together with Gen. Joshua Barnes, they pushed a bill through in Raleigh to establish the County of Wilson in 1855. His house, now gone, was near Sharpsburg but was not part of Wilson County until a later annexation in 1883, two years after David's death. The petition in support of the legislation was signed by Henderson Williams, David's cousin and a representative from Nash County.

Henry & Sue Powell
With information from Marion "Pete" Williams (6th great grandson of Pilgrim Williams)

Pilgrim Williams house, on Ada Taylor Road in Nash County (near Silver Lake). Original house ca 1750. Two-story part above dates from ca 1820. Extensively remodeled in recent years. Photo by Henry Powell

FUNERAL REGISTER OF WOOTTEN AND STEVENS, UNDERTAKERS OF WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA, NOVEMBER 18, 1896—June 27, 1899

Edited by Hugh Buckner Johnston, 1977

[Editor's note: This unpublished manuscript was bound and shelved in Wilson County Public Library. This article will begin a series that will reproduce the material contained in it. Mr. Johnston's introduction explains the treasure that he abstracted.]

INTRODUCTION

The discovery this summer of one of the Funeral Directories kept by Wootten and Stevens (the earliest known firm of this type in Wilson County), just before the beginning of the present Century, is sufficient to turn our minds backward to a consideration of the subject of funeral and burial practices in our area since Colonial days. In the appended sketch of William P. Wootten, the reader will find the unbroken descent of the above organization from its founding in 1872 to the present time. [To be included with the second installment.] A second sketch will review the family and career of co-founder Roselle T. Stevens. [To be included with the third installment.]

The next business of this sort in Wilson was listed in the North Carolina Directory of 1912 as C. H. Darden & Sons, Funeral Directors, at 610 E. Nash Street. Charles Henry Darden was a skilled craftsman who went into business for himself in 1875 and could do almost anything that would earn an honest dollar. The Directory of 1884 called him a Millwright, but he repaired wheels and carpentered coffins and other items upon demand. His greatest service was to the black community of Wilson and Wilson County, and the name of his late son Camillus Lewis Darden is still reflected in the present title of the firm, C. L. Darden Memorial Funeral Home. [It became Darden & King Funeral Home then Carrons Funeral Home located at 325 E. Nash Street, Wilson.]

In 1920 Jesse J. Amerson opened the Wilson Furniture Company, but by 1922 he was in partnership with F. W. Boswell at the N. W. corner of Tarboro and Barnes Streets under the title of Amerson-Boswell Company, Funeral Directors and Embalmers. At Mr. Amerson's death in 1933, his son-in-law J. Clinton Joyner bought the Boswell interst and transferred the firm the next year to 107 N. Pine Street. Joyner's Funeral Home moved into its present location at 726 S. Tarboro Street on August 6, 1966. [The funeral home is now located at 4100 US Hwy 264 W between Wilson and I-95 Hwy.]

In 1932 Chester Hunt opened Hunt's Funeral Home on the N. W. corner of Tarboro and Greene Streets. When he died in 1938, William W. Shingleton bought the business but waited until about 1959 to change the name to Shingleton Funeral Home. In 1970 it was incorporated under new management and now operates at a spacious location on West Nash Road. [2413 Nash Street NW, Wilson]

The Wilson operation of Hamilton Funeral Homes, Inc., dates from 1940. The founder of the firm was the late Levi Hamilton, Sr., and it occupies a handsome building at 211 S. Pender Street. [When Joyner's Funeral Home moved to Hwy 264, Hamilton Funeral Homes moved into their former Tarboro Street location.] Also serving the black community of Wilson County is the Edwards Funeral Home that was founded on March 18, 1948, by the brothers Oliver H. Edwards (now deceased) and James W. Edwards. Their modern establishment may be seen at 805 E. Nash Street in Wilson.

Returning now to the subject of the Wootten and Stevens book, it apparently came into the hands of the historian Dr. Charles L. Coon who placed it in the Coon High School Library sometime prior to his death in 1927. At another unknown date it was placed in the Wilson County Library vault. It contains 500 pages, funerals Nos. 501-983. Inner evidence suggests that the Company probably began the series sometime in 1893, with 208 funerals in 1896, 178 in 1897, and 203 in 1898.

Six pages were missing from the surviving book. Pages 431 and 432 are still missing, but I accidentally discovered the whereabouts of pages 7 and 8, and 51 and 52, which had been removed from the volume in 1929, and glued them into their proper locations. Pages 339 and 391 were duplicates, and no identifying name was used with the burials recorded on pages 46, 100, 106, 118, 130, 168, 292, 312, 316, 327, 352, 365, 414, 451, 458, 500. I have carefully transcribed and alphabetized all interesting details of the other entries, and these should make an important supplement to the records of Maplewood Cemetery 1876-1945 which have already been alphabetized and made available by Mrs. Marjorie L. Smith. [*Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries IV,* available from WCGS, contains records of the burials at Maplewood Cemetery through 1998.]

There are several intriguing references that I shall mention here in my introduction. On July 14, 1897, an unidentified colored man was "Killed by R. R. Engine of Train no. 23 near Contentnea Creek," and he was buried within the "R. R. Bounds" at a cost of $2.50 which was billed to the Wilmington & Weldon Rail Road. In July 1898 the County Commissioners paid $1.25 for the burial of an unnamed white infant "Born in a house of ill-fame." On October 27, 1898, another unknown colored man "was found dead near the race track," and the County Coroner billed the County $2.25 for his burial in the "Poor House Cemetery." On June 27, 1899, J. W. Aycock & Son of Black Creek gave an "order by Telephone" that "one plain pine coffin" costing $2.25 be "shipped to Black Creek by Express."

The various costs and other details of local burials in the 1890's are especially interesting because they offer such a striking contrast with those of today. Washing, shaving and "Laying out Remains" represented a special charge of $3.50. Slippers were $1.50 and $1.75 when desired, while Robes ranged in price from $2.50 to $7.00. The use of the Hearse was $5.00 in Wilson and $10.00 for several miles out of town. The rental of Carriages was $2.50 or $3.50, and Buggies $1.00 or $1.50. A wagon was $1.00, but a two-horse wagon cost $5.00. The only embalming fluid bore the trade name of "Purity" at $.50 per bottle; the use of two bottles was infrequent.

The normal labor for opening and closing a grave was $1.00, but an occasional individual would contract for spe-

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cial brick-work around the grave or lot. A "common pine" box for a child was as little as $1.25, and a very large one 27 inches wide might be $10.00. Since virgin pine timber was still plentiful then, the tops and sides of the usual coffin were made from solid boards. The other extreme might be a Springfield Metallic Casket imported from the North for $100. Imitation oak could be had for $40.00, French Burl for $45.00, solid walnut for $50.00, a White, Embossed Plush Casket for $65.00, and a Black Cloth Casket for $80.00.

However, most of the calls were for more modestly priced items like the No. 1 Case (without glass) at $10.00 or (with glass) at $15.00 and $18.00, No. 80 Embossed Casket at $20.00, No. 24 case at $25.00 or $30.00, and No. 62 Embossed Casket at $17.50. The No. 5 Case for $15 came with handles, thumbscrews, plates, and studs; and No. B Case for $20.00 was equipped with rope bar handles, screws, and silver plated plates with gold letters. The usual $3.00 pine coffin was $4.00 with dark stain or $5.00 with the white lining and covering, plus handles. Perhaps the most popular offering was a pine casket of "our own make" costing $5.00 and provided with white covering, bail handles, thumbscrews, plates, and studs.

Surprisingly, a great many infants and children, and some older people, were transported from home to the place of burial without any funeral ceremony. Most of the funerals in that period were conducted at the home of the deceased or at the graveside and some were held in the Church of the family's affiliation. Probably by special request, an occasional funeral took place at the home of a friend or of the family's pastor. Most of the people in Wilson and its immediate vicinity were buried in Maplewood Cemetery, but otherwise the usual place was still a private rural graveyard that may have been in use as early as the Revolutionary War.

With one known exception in Maplewood Cemetery, the black citizens were buried in their own rural cemeteries or adjacent to the ancestral graveyards of their white patrons. The Rountree Cemetery, a short distance North from Highways 58 and 264 East near Wilson, was greatly expanded from an old private graveyard. Oakdale Cemetery and the "colored cemetery" (now more euphoneously entitled Rest Haven Cemetery) were used principally by the inhabitants of Wilson. The "Poor House Cemetery" had been maintained by Wilson County since the building in 1855 of the Wilson County Poor House (still standing on the left side near the end of S. Goldsboro Street [now demolished]), but it was transferred after 1876 to the N. E. Area of Maplewood Cemetery, somewhat separated from the area then in active use by the purchasers of private lots, but in 1977 completely surrounded by the rapid growth of the cemetery during the past fifty years.

Before the days of the professional funeral establishments, and especially in periods of hot weather, it was imperative that the body of a dead person be placed under five or six feet of earth as soon as a suitable wooden box could be made and the closest friends and kinsmen advised of the event. A great deal more flexibility was possible during cold weather. The population of Wilson County was small and very scattered in early years, and travel over the dirt roads was tediously slow under normal conditions but really difficult during the rainy seasons, especially along the swampy stretches of road adjacent to bridges or fords over the numerous streams.

Some funerals were held in neighboring churches in those days, but in 1810, for example, there were still only four in the entire area now comprised in Wilson County, and even they did not always have an active and convenient minister serving them. Consequently, the majority of the population passed from life into death without religious formalities. However, it was customary for all kinsmen and friends in the neighborhood to attend the wake and to accompany the body to its last resting-place the next day. Oft times the graveyard was so near the home that the pallbearers did not need the assistance of a wagon or cart.

Wootten and Stevens represented the period of transition between the simple funeral practices in Wilson and Wilson County during the somewhat similar Colonial and Antebellum times, and the increasingly sophisticated and expensive techniques of the past fifty years of the Twentieth Century.

Hugh B. Johnston, Jr.
Wilson, North Carolina
September 5, 1977.

[Editor's note: Thomas-Yelverton Funeral Home founded in July 1920 by J. W. Thomas and Paul Yelverton was not mentioned by Mr. Johnston. It was first located at 104 N. Douglas Street, then moved to 325 E. Nash Street. Its present location is 2704 W. Nash Street.]

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- _____, Mourning: Near Wilson. Colored. Died May 9, 1899, length 5' 9". Cost $10. Billed to W. H. Farmer. Burial in colored cemetery. (Page 458)
- Abrams, James Franklin: Taylor's township. White. Died June 4, 1897, aged 46 years, of consumption, length 6' 2". Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $43. Billed to widow (Page 80)
- Abrams, (Mrs.) Sophia: Near Wilson. White. Died September 11, 1897, aged about 40 years, of consumption, length 5' 6". Cost $43.50. "Mrs. S. Abrams was widow of the late James F. Abrams; daughter of Randal Johnston." Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 134)
- Alford, Mrs.: Kenly. White. Died December 31, 1896, length 5' 9". Cost $25. (Page 14)
- Allen, Calvin: Wilson. White. Died February 26, 1897, of "Bowell Consumption," aged 62, length 5' 9". Buried in Nash County. Dr. Nathan Anderson. Cost $10. (Page 39)
- Allen, Robert: Wilson. White. Died December 19, 1897, of consumption, length 5' 9". Funeral at Methodist Church. Burial at Lynchburg, Virginia. Drs. Albert Anderson and C. E. Moore. Cost $109.75. "Was Supt. Of Richmond Maury & Co.'s stemmery. Was very much beloved by everybody who knew him." (Page 186)
- Amerson, Floyd: Near Wilson. White. Died February 10, 1899, aged 2 months 10 days, of yellow chill, length 2' 6", son of George Amerson. Cost $8. Burial at Black Creek Church. Dr. Anderson. (Page 422)
- Amerson, Harriet Ann: Black Creek Township. White. Died April 12, 1898, aged about 45 years, of cancer, length

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6 feet, widow of the late Edwin Amerson. Dr. Hoover. Cost $19.50. Funeral at home. Burial in Black Creek Church Cemetery. (Page 232)

- Amerson, Henry Ernest: Wayne County. White. Died September 19, 1897, aged 11 months, length 2' 6", son of John Amerson. Dr. Crocker. Burial in John C. Morriss Cemetery. Cost $3.50. (Page 138)
- Amerson, Lula: Wilson. White. Died October 31, 1898, aged 18 years, of consumption, length 5' 6", daughter of Mrs. Seth Amerson and niece of B. T. Amerson. Dr. Albert Anderson. Cost $21. Funeral at Rev. Hurley's home. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 368)
- Amerson, Wiley W.: Wilson. White. Died November 28, 1898, aged 8 [sic.] years 3 days, length 5' 8". Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $21. Funeral at home. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. "Mr. Amerson was the father of Mrs. Penina Farmer, Mr. B. T. Amerson, Mrs. D. D. Nolley, Miss Lucy Amerson, Miss Martha Ann Amerson, Mr. W. H. Amerson, Mrs. Eliza Barnes, Mrs. Millie Farmer, and Mr. Wiley Amerson.""(Page 385) [*Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries IV,* (Maplewood) does not include a listing for Wiley W. Amerson who died November 28, 1898. This may be Willie Amerson, age 61, farmer, listed in the Wilson County 1880 Census in Wilson Township living S. of Plank Rd., Nash St., Nash Rd. with children Martha Ann, age 19; William H., age 17, working in nursery; Eliza, age 15; and Willie, age 11, working on farm.]
- Anderson, _____: Near Cockrell's Bridge. Colored. Died November 7, 1897, aged 15 months, length 2' 9", child of Alford Anderson. Cost $1.25. (Page 157)
- Anderson, [Rebecca Ann]: Wilson. White. Died January 7, 1899, aged 60 years, length 5' 6". Dr. Nathan Anderson. Cost $81.75. Billed to T. M. Anderson. Funeral at home. Burial in Maplewood cemetery. "Mrs. Anderson was the wife of T. M. Anderson; was mother of W. P. Anderson, M. T. Anderson, Selby Anderson, and Miss Lizzie Anderson." (Page 402)
- Anderson, Alford: Nash County. Colored. Died November 12, 1897, aged 1 year 8 months, length 2' 6". Burial at Cockrell's Bridge. (Page 163)
- Anderson, Harry: Stantonsburg Township. Colored. Died February 3, 1897, aged 70, of paralysis, length 5' 9". Dr. Crocker. Funeral at grave on Dr. Nathan Anderson's place. Cost $10. Billed to Chester Jordan. (Page 30)
- Applewhite, E. L.: White. Died December 10, 1897. Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $56.25. Funeral at home. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 178)
- Atkinson, Sallie: Elm City. White. Died February 10, 1897, aged 86 years, of "general debility," length 5' 9". Dr. E. G. Moore. Burial in Dr. Wright Barnes Cemetery. Cost $50. Billed to John L. Bailey. (Page 34)
- Austin, _____: Black Creek. Colored. Died November 20, 1898, aged 35 years, of "Womb trouble," length 5' 6", wife of Sandy Austin near Black Creek. Cost $5. Dr. Hoover. Burial in John P. Barden Cemetery. Billed to L. P. Woodard. (Page 378)
- Bagley, Mary Lillie: Taylor's Township. Colored. Died October 4, 1898, of cold, aged 8 months, length 2' 6". Cost $4. Billed to Allen Bagley. Burial in Hilliard Ellis Cemetery. (Page 349)
- Bagley, Mattie: Near Wilson. Colored. Died May 2, 1898, aged 16 years, of lung trouble. Dr. Williams. Burial in Hilliard Ellis Cemetery. Billed to T. J. Hadley. (Page 242)
- Baker, Martha: Green County. White. Died June 21, 1898, in childbirth, length 5' 6", wife of A. J. Baker. Dr. West. Cost $40. Buried in old homestead cemetery. (Page 279)
- Barden, John P.: Black Creek. White. Died December 14, 1898, aged 70 years and 16 days, of pneumonia, length 6' 3". Dr. Hoover. Cost $111. Funeral at P. D. Gold home. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. "Was a most excellent citizen & useful man in his community." (Page 393)
- Barefoot, Easter: Near Wilson. Colored. Died September 1, 1897, aged 70 years, length 5' 9". Burial in S. Lasiter Cemetery. Cost $2.50. Billed to Jacob Short. (Page 125)
- Barham, Hattie: Wilson. Colored. Died April 30, 1898, aged 22 years, of consumption, length 5' 9", wife of Alex Barham. Cost $15. Billed to J. T. Williams and R. J. Grantham. Church funeral and burial in Oak Dale Cemetery. (Page 241)
- Barnes, _____: Wilson. White. Died January 10, 1897, son of Jesse Barnes, Bill paid by W. P. Winstead. Cost $18. (Page 20)
- Barnes, _____: Elm City. White. Died May 20, 1897, length 3 feet, child of Joshua Barnes. Buried in Elm City Cemetery. Cost $20. Bill to John L. Bailey. (Page 76)
- Barnes, _____: Near Wilson. Colored. Died April 2, 1898, of internal hemmorrhage, length 5' 9", wife of Lemon Barnes. Drs. C. E. Moore and Albert Anderson. Cost $10. Billed to F. W. Barnes. Burial at Edwin Moore place. (Page 222)
- Barnes, _____: Elm City. White. Died September 1, 1898, length 2' 9". Cost $30. Billed to W. B. Barnes. (Page 319)
- Barnes, _____: Near Wilson. White. Died June 24, 1899, aged 5 days, child of Wiley Barnes, length 2' 6". Cost $4.50. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 495)
- Barnes, Aima: Wilson Township. Colored. Died May 6, 1898, of old age, aged 95 years, length 5' 9". Cost $10. Billed to G. C. Wills. Dr. E. G. Moore. Burial in old homestead cemetery. (Page 244)
- Barnes, Arthur: Near Wilson. White. Died February 9, 1899, aged 52 years, of heart failure, length 6 feet, father of A. P. Barnes. Cost $7. Burial in Thomas Mercer's Cemetery. "The deceased was nicknamed Mink Barnes, was found on the roadside dead." (Page 421)
- Barnes, Claudie: Wilson Township. Colored. Died June 17, 1898, aged 12 months, of "Bowell Disease," length 2' 6". Cost $4. Billed to W. T. Farmer. Burial in the Forbes Cemetery. "Lived on old R. S. Kingsmore place." (Page 276)
- Barnes, Columbus: Black Creek. White. Died June 26, 1899, aged 55 years, length 5' 9", son of Bunyan Barnes "who died several years ago." Cost $10. Billed to J. W. Aycock & Sons. Burial in Black Creek Cemetery. (Page 499)

JETHRO HARRISON WILL
Contributed by Les Harrison

"In the name of God, Amen

I Jethro Harrison, of the county of Nash, and the State of North Carolina on this 20th day of April in the year of our Lord 1811, do make and ordaine, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament In manner and form following Viz.

Item-To my son William Harrison, 500 acres of land that I bought of William & Jethro Philips, a line to be run East and West so as to leave that number of acres north of my Manner plantation; one negro man named "Dick", and one brandy still to him and his heirs forever.

Item-I give to my son Jethro Harrison, the land and plantation where on I now live as far as the south prong of the Spring Branch one negro woman named "Grace" and one brandy still that is set up on the lands, one horse bridle and saddle, two cows, three ewes and two lambs, two sows and pigs one feather bed and furniture and the beuffet that is in the house to him and his heirs forever.

Item-I give to my son Dempsey Harrison the land that I bought of John Sanders and all the remains of my land, not as yet given a line to be run up the above Spring Branch to my back Line and one negro man named Dave and my blacksmith tools to him and his heirs forever

Item-I give to my Daughter Nancy Horn one Negro boy that she has in her possession named Ben and one Negro woman named Hannah to her and her heirs forever

Item-I give to my Daughter Polly Grice one Negro boy that she has in her possession named Hardey, and one Negro woman named Genny to her and her heirs forever

Item-I give to my Daughter Temperance Holden one Negro girl that she has in her possession named Silvia and one negro boy named Washington to her and her heirs forever

Item-I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Harrison one Negro woman named Seleth, and one Negro boy named Jacob, two cows & calves, three ewes and lambs,one bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever

Item-I give to my Daughter Mibray Harrison one Negro woman named Jane and one Negro man named Jack, three ewes and lambs, two cows and calves,one bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever

Item- I give unto my two grandsons, James & Jethro Ricks sons of my Daughter Mourning dcsd.Fifty Dollars each to be all that I now give them or hereafter them and their heirs forever.

I likewise give unto my two daughters Elizabeth and Milbreay one Negro girl named Sarah to be divided equally amomg them

My will is that my old Negro woman named Philis be at liberty to choose which of my children she will live with and if it is thought she is not able to work sufficient to maintain her self that the one she chooseth to live with shall be allowed a sum of money out of my estate for the suppport of sd. negro during her life time

My will and desire further is that after my just debts and legacies be paid that the remainder of my property be equally divided among all my children then living.

My will further is that Henry Atkinson, William Horn,and William Moore or any two of them be appointed to attend the sale of my property and bid of such of my property as they may think proper for my two daughters that is underage Elizabeth & Milbray Harrison & not to be liable to any loss for any stock or any other article that they may bid of for sd. daughters and I do hereby constitute ordain and appoint my son William Harrison, Charles Coleman and William White my whole and sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament Ratifying this and no other to be my last Will and Testament in Wintness Whereof Thence I have herunto set my hand and seal the Day and Date Above Writing.

Signed Sealed and delivered by the Sd. Jethro Harrison (SEAL)
Jethro Harrison the Testator in the
Presence of us who were Presence at
the Time of Sealing & Delivery of
Same-----
Hardy Horn
Willis (X) Morriss+
Roxanne (X) Brantley

Nash County August Court 1811

LIST OF THE TAXABLES FOR THE TOWN OF WILSON FOR THE YEAR 1854

Minutes of the City Council, Vol. I, Wilson, N. C., 1850-1885

[Editor's Note: This unpublished bound volume is shelved in the genealogy collection of Wilson County Public Library.]

Names	White Poll	Black Poll	Lots	Val.	Amt.
W. B. Myers	1	3	4	3100	13.30
Willie Daniel	1	7	1	3000	17.00
A. S. Cotton	1	1	1	1000	5.00
P. W. Barnes	1	"	"	"	1.00
Jno. B. Woodard	1	"	"	"	1.00
L. J. Sauls	1	"	"	"	1.00
W. D. Rountree	1	1	4	4000	14.00
H. L. Williford	1	1	1	500	3.50
E. T. Mayo	1	"	"	"	1.00
Willie Winstead	1	1	1	200	2.60
Thorn & Mayo	"	2	"	"	2.00
Hartwell Williford	"	"	2	100	.30
Richard Friar	"	2	1	150	3.45
J. T. Dew	1	2	"	"	3.00
J. D. Cawthon	1	"	"	"	1.00
Jacob Feidler	1	"	1	"	1.00
W. N. Hackney	1	"	1	800	3.40
Parker & Hackney	"	3	1	300	3.90
Benjamin H. Bardin	"	"	1	300	.90
Bardin, Barnes & Mayo	"	"	1	50	.15
D. W. Swift	1	1	"	800	4.40
G. H. Griffin	1	"	1	450	2.35
For Mrs. S. H. Morse	"	1	1	550	1.65
John Kersey	"	1	1	200	1.60
E. G. Clark	1	"	2	800	3.40
Peter Epps	1	"	"	"	1.00
J. P. Bernard	1	2	"	"	3.00
W. Bernard	"	"	1	2000	6.00
A. J. Battle Agt. For Mrs. Battle	"	4	1	2000	10.00
A. J. Linnis	1	"	"	"	1.00
R. M. Cox	"	1	1	900	2.70
W. D. Thorn	1	2	1	1500	7.50
Robt. D. Spiver	1	"	"	"	1.00
J. D. Rountree	1	2	"	"	3.00
O. Lipscomb	1	5	1	50	6.15
J. W. Farmer	"	"	2½	2482	7.45
Hickmon Ellis	"	"	1	450	1.35
J. W. H. Pritchard	1	"	"	"	1.00
Jas. D. Barnes	"	"	4	1000	3.00
Joseph Barbee	"	2	2	1400	5.20
Sally Barnes, widow of Jno.	"	"	1	200	.60
James W. Davis	1	"	"	"	1.00
Thos. C. Davis	1	"	"	"	1.00
W^{m} Tomlinson	1	"	1	500	2.50
Rountree & Tomlinson	"	6	"	"	6.00
David Nolley	"	"	2	1000	3.00
R. S. Ward	1	"	1	250	1.75
Buttuny Nolley	"	"	1	300	.90
C. P. Kenyon	1	1	1	500	3.50
M. B. Sharp	1	"	1	800	3.40
Arthur Farmer	1	"	1	200	1.60
H. W. Peel	1	1	1	300	3.90
D. B. Stitth	1	1	1	1200	5.00
Josiah Farmer	1	"	"	"	1.00
W. B. Daniel	1	1	"	"	2.00
N. W. Boon	1	"	1	100	1.30
Jacob D. Farmer	1	"	1	200	1.60
P. Clark	1	"	2	700	3.10
Enterprize Lodge	"	"	1	150	.45
W. M. Gay	1	6	1	4000	19.00
Not given in Subject to double Tax					
James T. Collins	1	"	"	"	2.00
Alex Eatman	"	"	1	300	1.20
J. G. Ellis	"	"	1	500	3.00
M. B. Nolley	1	"	"	"	2.00
M. E. Williford	"	"	1	350	2.10
Tho^{s}. Tomlinson Jr.	1	"	"	"	2.00
Edwin Eatman	1	"	1	400	4.40
F. W. Taylor	1	"	"	"	2.00
John A. Cullaghan	1	"	1	800	6.80
J. J. Taylor	"	"	1	300	1.80
E. H. Stevens Est.	"	"	"	800	4.80
Seth Wards Est.	"	"	"	500	3.00
W. E. J. Shallington	1	1	1	900	9.40
Gracy Broom	"	"	1	200	1.20
W. Woodard	"	"	1	375	2.15
Wm. McWilliams	"	"	1	75	.45
G. B. Sharp	1	2	25	501	9.00
J. B. Hyatt	"	"	1	200	1.20
R. S. Pettway Agt.	"	"	1	150	.90
Joseph J. Bryant	1				
J. H. Martin					
J. T. Daniel	1				
F. J. Moore	1				
Pharoah Farmer	1				
J. R. Daniel	"	"	1	100	
Louis Carter	1				
Dempsey Williams	1				
Alex McGee	1				
Smith Locus	"	1			
Jesse Price	"	1			
Daniel E. Summer	1				
J. T. Williams	1	"	"	"	1.00

[Editor's Note: The symbols that look like ditto marks probably were entered to mark a space without an entry.]

ABRAHAM VICKERS—Hugh B. Johnston files

Abraham Vickers, son of John Vickers, Sr., and wife Mary, is thought to have moved to South Carolina or Georgia, but at any rate the reading of his father's will in Edgecombe County on February 21, 1784, indicates that he was already dead and had left two or more children. (Edgecombe County, Will Book B, p. 152)

JOHN O QUIN PETITION

General Assembly Session Records, November-December 1813

Contributed by Grace W. Turner

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina

The Petition of John O Quin of the County of Wayne humbly represents:

That Your Petitioner about Eight or Ten Years ago in the Town of Wilmington in Company with sundry Others, who were disposed to spend the evening in a convivial Manner; (after having recourse to the inebriating liquors, as an impetus to their actions) repaired to a House in the Town where the Occupants were of the Female sex; and notorious for their Prostitution.

Your Petitioner being then in the prime of life, and a disposition rather Volatile,--he did not hesitate to become one of the company and expatiated freely on the subject of matrimony;--He did not believe that any scandal would result from such conduct, as a Justice of the Peace was in Company with him;--and as his sole object was,--the Acquisition of knowledge to enable him the better to discriminate; between women of Virtuous, and Vicious habits.—

He further States that, But a short time had elapsed, before the inebriating liquor proved absolutely predominent; and your Petitioner became utterly insensible of the Transactions of the Night

Your Petitioner further States that in the morning when he awoke; to his inexpressible Mortification, there lay by his side a Huge Mass of Creation, purporting to be of the Female sex, who called herself Mary Jackson;--whose uncouth appearance indicated that she was formed by nature in a rude and ranting frolic—and whose touch alone was amply sufficient to recoil the feelings of the most profligate wretch in society—

Your Petitioner further States that he hastily arose from his bed, and enquired into the cause of her intrusion upon his repose. When he was informed that a Justice of the Peace who was in Company in a fit of intoxication had joined them together as man and Wife, and at a time when your Petitioner was utterly insensible of the whole transaction,--Upon this information he precepitately retired, with pungent feelings of grief; and Alas! when too late protested against the proceedings of that fatal night.

This fortuitous Occurrence has proved as destructive to the repose of your Petitioner, and has excited as much consternation among his friends; as was experienced by the Trojans, upon the introduction of the Grecian Horse into Troy.—

Your Petitioner further States, that he is firmly impressed with the Belief, that if none of the fair sex, were Ornamented with features and forms more enchanting than this Mary Jackson; Procreation would certainly cease, and be forgotten.—

Your Petitioner further States, that the said Mary Jackson has gone off, as a Prostitute to Canada, with the Troops of the United States;-- and it is as reasonable an expectation, that a Camel can go through the eye of a needle; or the Leopard Change his Skin; as to believe that the said Mary, and your Petitioner will ever dwell together—and as our Moral and Civil institutions require that all contracts (if Obligatory) should be entered into, with the free and full consent of both parties; He prays the enterposition of your Honorable Body in his behalf: and hopes that the marriage aforesaid may be Absolutely Abrogated by an act of your Honorable Body; and he as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

John O. Quin

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State of North Carolina
Wayne County

This may Certify that before us Jacob Kornegay and William Bizzell two of the Justices of the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County Wayne on the 11th day November 1813 at the house of the Jacob Kornegay's, Personally came and Appeared before us Uriah Bass Jr who being Sworn. Saith in May last he was to Wilmington that John O'Quin gave him a Letter to Carry, to John Durdon, for the purpose of Inquiring for a Woman by the name of Mary Jackson that he could not find Durdon in Town, that he gave the letter to William D. Miller and the sd Miller Read the Letter and said there had been such a Woman in Town but was then gone of with the Soldiers and if O Quin. Wanted to Marry he might do so, that she Never would come back to interrupt him

U. Bass jr

J Kornegay
Wm Bizzell

On Reverse: The Petition of John O. Quin of the County of Wayne, In Senate Novemr 24th 1813. Read & refered to the Committee on Divorce & Alimony by order J. H. Stokes Clk
In House of Commons, 25 November 1813. Read and rejected, By order Henderson Clk., W. MCKinnie
[Editor's note: John O Quin is not found in any of the Wayne County census abstracts.]

FLOYD STITH DAVIS OBITUARY

The Wilson Daily Times, February 28, 1913

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Mr. Floyd Davis Passes.

A message was received at 1:20 this afternoon from Richmond stating that Mr. Floyd Davis just passed into the spirit land.

His death occurred at St. Elizabeth's hospital where he was taken for treatment several days ago.

It was found upon examination that his trouble was sorosis of the liver and that he could not long survive the ailment.

His wife and her sister, Mrs. W. S. Harriss were constantly at his bedside and everthing possible for the sufferer was done, but to no avail.

The deceased was about 43 years of age and was the friend of every one.

Possessing a kindly disposition and with none of the essence of bitterness in his soul, he had a good word for everybody and they for him and so all of Wilson sorrows now since it learns that genial and good natured Floyd Davis is no more.

As he was to his friends and the public generally so he was to his family and his wife and children to whom he was ever a kind and indulgent husband and father and to his gray haired father he was ever tender and considerate. These have been hanging on and cherishing every word of hope from the bedside in Richmond and as the message comes he "has crossed over the river" their hearts are bowed with grief inexpressible.

Not only was the subject of this sketch exceedingly popular with every one, but he was also prominent in the business life of Wilson. Raised up in the midst of our mercantile and cotton interests, he probably knew every farmer trading in Wilson, and has at some time purchased their cotton or sold them fertilizer.

The trade will miss him and so will all those who frequent the cotton markets.

The deceased leaves a father Mr. T. C. Davis and a brother Mr. T. A. Davis and a wife and two children, Miss Virginia Davis and Mr. Frank Davis.

The remains will reach Wilson on the eleven o'clock train tonight and the funeral will occur tomorrow.

The pall bearers meeting the train tonight are: Messrs. S. W. Smith, W. P. Anderson, H. G. Whitehead, Dr. C. A. Thompson, Dr. J. R. Edmundson and W. W. Graves.

Floyd S. Davis Obituary

The Wilson Times, March 3, 1913

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Funeral of Mr. Davis

The funeral of Mr. F. S. Davis occurred yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from the Episcopal church and in addition to a large concourse of people the Masons also attended in a body.

The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Ray, rector of St. Timothy's church and the burial service of the order was also read.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. S. W. Smith, W. M. Carter, U. H. Cozart, Ed. Adams, P. L. Woodard, F. N. Bridgers, Dr. J. R. Edmundson, James Ed. Woodard.

The long procession of sorrowing friends and relatives, together with the numerous handsome floral offerings attested the esteem in which the deceased was held.

[Editor's note: Floyd S. Davis, born 05 March 1868, died 28 February 1913, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C. His wife, Elizabeth Barnes Davis, born 28 September 1870, died 18 March 1955, and their daughter Matilda, born 12 September 1902, died 18 March 1903, are also buried in Maplewood Cemetery. *Wilson County, North Carolina Cemeteries – Volume IV,* compiled by Joan L. Howell]

JOHN W. BRADLEY OBITUARY

Zion's Landmark, Volume 36, No. 10, April 1, 1903

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Dear Brother Gold:--It is with a sad heart that I make the attempt to write the obituary notice, by the request of my daughter Emma, wife of John W. Bradley, son of J. B. Bradley and his wife Martha Ann, of Edgecombe county, N. C. He was born the 27th of November 1876, and departed this life the 12th of February 1903. His stay on this earth was 27 years, 3 months and 15 days. He was married to my daughter Emma the 13th of December 1899. There was born unto them one daughter, that survives him.

Brother Gold, it was a great shock to our family. He was at my house at 10 o'clock looking well. I asked him how he felt. He told me he felt a little bad, but I apprehended nothing serious from that remark, so I thought no more about his condition. About 4 four o'clock my daughter came running over to my house, and told me her husband was very sick, and said to 'phone for the doctor at once, so I hastened to deliver the message to my wife, and took some laudanum and morphine and went to her assistance as soon as I could. When we got there I found him cold in both hands and feet, and suffering extremely great. His wife gave him a half tablet of morphine to try to relieve him, but all was in vain. I told his wife we must try to warm him if it were possible. We tried to stimulate him with bandy, warm irons and hot water in bottles and poultices; but nothing could stay the cold icy hand of death; … . He was a kind and loving husband always ready to assist his wife. I do not think I ever heard him speak a cross word to his wife; and a kind and loving father. He thought so much of little Mabell, his dear little darling child. How he would talk to his little sweet darling, and tell it to say her speech, or say this or that to amuse its grandpa, or grandma. He was a kind friend to me, always ready to come to my assistance. I have nothing to say about his religious feeling, but his wife said he believed in the Primitive Baptists, in their faith and order. … We trust that the good Lord may be a comforter to his bereaved wife who is cut short in the bloom of her youth, and her future happiness here on this earth. He left a father and mother, and brothers and sisters, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. I pray the good Lord to comfort the bereaved widow and reconcile her mind to the will of our heavenly Father, …

Your brother in Christ I hope.

H. G. Worsley.

MARCH 23, 2004 MINUTES

Wilson County Genealogical Society met Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at Durwood Stancil, Inc. The meeting was called to order by President Carol Forbes who welcomed all present.

President Forbes gave a review of the publications of WCGS listing the 1860 and 1870 Census and four cemetery books and thanked Joan Howell Waddell for her work and the assistance provided by others to complete these projects. *Wilson County's Architectural Heritage,* a reprint of Kate Ohno's 1981 book, is the newest publication. The map series includes four Confederate field maps, the Town of Wilson in 1872 and 1882, the Historical map, and Wilson County Waterways, the newest map, prepared by Sue Evans Powell. Other publications are the Cemetery Finder, prepared by Carol McKeel Forbes, the Estates Inventory, prepared by Grace Williamson Turner, and the calendar series (2002, 2003, and 2004), prepared by Henry Powell. Carol reminded everyone of our gold catalogue that lists and describes our publications.

The Wilson County Founding Families project continues with a targeted completion date of 2005, the 150th anniversary of Wilson County, N. C.

Announcements included a Lincoln County workshop, grant writing training, and a report of a "found" cemetery. The cemetery was the same one found by Judy O'Neal last fall. Plans will be made by the two "finders" to clean the area. Carol Forbes, having learned from experience, advised against raking which would enable new growth to start.

Our program was an excellent presentation by Larry Odzak on beginning genealogy. In December 2003, Elizabeth Mills defined genealogy as "Generational History," the study of the development of individual families across generations encompassing social, economic, political, and religious events. He further stated that researchers need to place their families in the context in which they lived.

He listed several strategies that should be employed:

- Do your homework. Know what records you need to search.
- Start from the known and work backward.
- Analyze and compile. Organize your work and notes.
- Trace one family at a time. Take complete notes. Cite your sources. Place your findings in an organized family file.
- Do NOT use secondary sources only. Do NOT use primary sources only. Use secondary sources to learn the primary sources that you should study.
- Do NOT try to translate names and dates into current usage.
- Do NOT try to abstract when you do not know the terms in the record.
- Use women's names—first, maiden (in parenthesis), and married name.
- Imagine various spellings and phonetic letter combinations when looking for an individual's records.
- Utilize the Soundex Code, a finding tool for some records.
- Search for all of the census records, wills, estates, tax, and land records for an individual family.
- North Carolina residents can request information from State Archives by mail, fax, or email. We were given a sheet which lists the record categories that staff can check and the information that must be included with a request. Archives' response will include a statement of copying costs.

We were given a packet which included a beginning genealogy bibliography, steps in beginning your genealogical research from National Archives, a pamphlet and an outline for genealogical research at N. C. State Archives, a chart on N. C. county development, a lineage chart form with "how to" instructions on the back, a description of the information included on each federal census from 1790-1940, a list of names of old time occupations, and a glossary of genealogical terms. We were also given a pamphlet on North Carolina ECHO, Exploring Cultural Heritage Online, www.ncecho.org , a program sponsored by the State Library of North Carolina in partnership with Duke University Libraries and cultural organizations throughout the State.

After a question and answer period, Larry Odzak was thanked for his most informative program, then the meeting was adjourned.

ADVENTURERS OF PURSE & PERSON

The Genealogical Publishing Company, on behalf of the Order of the First Families of Virginia, published the first volume (of three) of the new 4th edition of *ADVENTURERS OF PURSE & PERSON,* edited by John Frederick Dorman, in January 2004.

This volume covers a total of 52 families (A-F) that were established either by settlers of Virginia prior to 1625 or members of the Virginia Company whose descendants came to Virginia later. Of these 52 families, seven have not been treated in previous editions and 36 are traced to the sixth generation. Over 7,800 individual descendants resident in Virginia (or subsequently in other states) are identified. Family accounts are supported by 10,000 footnote citations to manuscripts or published records. The index volume contains 19,000 name, place, and subject entries, many with multiple page citations.

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___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1870.	$30.00
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President's Message

Hello, Readers,

May is a beautiful time of year when the earth has shed it's gray Winter coat and puts on a rainbow of many colors. This month has many holidays, Mother's Day on the 9th, Confederate Memorial Day on the 10th, Armed Forces Day on the 15th, and Memorial Day on the 30th, (observed on 31st) to name a few. The Wilson Rose Garden holds it festival for the 7th year on the 16th.

However you spend your special days this month, let us not forget Memorial Day. Let us remember our ancestors, our family members, our loved ones, our neighbors, and our friends who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Visit cemeteries, place flags or flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes and say a prayer for them and their families. Visit memorials, fly the US Flag at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day. Fly the 'POW/MIA Flag' as well, participate in a "National Moment of Remembrance" at 3 p.m. to pause to think upon the true meaning of the day and for Taps to be played. Renew a pledge to aid the widows, widowers, and orphans of our fallen dead, and to aid the disabled veterans. This is a time to honor not war, but those that died in those conflicts and wars.

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, and many cities and towns lay claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War. A hymn published in 1867, "Kneel where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nelia L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920).

In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moina Micheal replied with her own poem:

We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on the fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies.

She then conceived the idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. The tradition spread, and, in 1922, the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948, the US Post Office honored Ms Micheal for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it. Now you know the story behind the VFW members selling these Poppies outside of grocery stores and so forth.

Whatever way you celebrate Memorial Day, please take time to remember the real meaning behind this holiday.

May's WCGS meeting will be Show and Tell. Check your attics, and bring in a family treasure, and tell us a little about it. We always have a good turnout at Show and Tell meetings. See you there.

WCGS President,
Carol M. Forbes

Don't forget the "Mound" at Maplewood Cemetery which holds the remains of numerous Confederate Soldiers. Stop by and place a flower on the mound to remember their sacrifices.

WCGS Meeting May 25.

We will meet at 7 pm at Durwood Stancil, Inc., 3425 Ward Blvd.

It has been quite a while since we last sponsored an evening of sharing family artifacts. Always popular, this activity has brought to light many hidden treasurers from Wilson County's past.

Previous sessions have produced such interesting items as the lost eyeglasses left behind by Lord Cornwallis on his march though our county on his way to defeat at Yorktown. They were left on the bedside table in the home where he spent the night. Another rare find was a copy of the second novel ever printed in the USA, in about 1815, found in a bathroom in Stantonsburg.

We have seen lots of old lace and some interesting clothing. Dig in your closet of family treasurers and see what you can find to bring along to this meeting to share with us. While we don't usually award door prizes, there will be an exception in this case, and the artifact judged to be the most unusual will be awarded the winner's choice of one of our published volumes. The selection will be made by a show of hands at the end of the session.

Items that have been shown before will not be eligible for consideration for an award. Items must be limited to those which can be brought in by hand. Please, no vintage tractors or plows.

Put your imagination to the test to see what you can bring to the May meeting that will be of interest to your fellow members.

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FAMILY CONNECTIONS—*WILSON DAILY TIMES*

THE DARDEN FAMILY

Our local Dardens have been well defined by several members of the family. We were able to locate abundant information on these people well back into England, their country of origin.

The first mention of this family name came in 1175 AD with a reference to a William Durden in the County of Sussex, south of London. This surname originated with the French invaders of England in 1066 and was probably a nickname to start with as it means "hard tooth," (dur dent in French), a name you might give to someone who cracks nuts with his teeth. Many of our modern surnames survived from early nicknames. The Durden name spread slowly across southern England and had reached as far north as Staffordshire (middle England) by the 1400s.

There is no record of a Durden among the Jamestowne settlers of the Virginia Company which lasted until 1623. After that time, Virginia became a colony of the Crown, and there was a steady stream of immigrants who came here for land, freedom and opportunity. Among them was a Stephen Durden, b. 1622 in Lancashire, England, who acquired land in Nansemond County, Virginia, in 1649 by purchase. He married Mary in about 1640 in England. We were unable to verify any evidence of a Durden family in available Lancashire archives.

Stephen's son, Jacob, was born in Nansemond in 1650 which narrows the possible time of Stephen's arrival to between 1640 and 1649. Nansemond was a popular port of arrival as it was far enough from Jamestown that the autocratic governor Berkeley could not trouble newcomers. The old dock in Suffolk is now being restored and will be well worth a visit in the future. It is more likely, however, that Stephen arrived near the village of Chuckatuck, also on the Nansemond River but much closer to Smithfield and Isle of Wight County. Later family records indeed verify that this is where the Durdens lived at the time of their arrival and, amazingly, a part of the family land is still occupied by a descendant. More about this later.

Years went by along with them successive generations of Dardens. The change from Durden to Darden seems to have taken place within the first few generations and, by the time the family was established in North Carolina, Darden was their name. Our local line settled in Dobbs County (now Greene County) in the 1700s and remains there today in the vicinity of Speight's Bridge. Paul Darden (1917-2004) settled in Wilson to raise his family, and we present his line as an example of the descendants of Stephen Durden to commemorate his active and avid role as a charter member of the Wilson County Genealogical Society. He will be missed.

- Paul Clifford Darden, Jr. 1917-2004, m. Barbara Allen
- Paul Clifford Darden 1892-?, m. Elizabeth Yelverton
- William Moye Darden 1860-?, m. Charity Beaman. Greene Co., NC
- Capt. William Abraham Darden 1836-1890, Greene Co, NC, m. 1. Catherine Adams, 2. Sarah Catherine Moye
- William Augustus Darden 1804-1877, m. 1. Catherine L., 2. Eliza Holliday, 3. Harriett Speight
- Abraham Darden 1781-1829, m. Sally Westbrook
- William Darden 1747 Hereford Co, NC, d. 1801 Dobbs Co NC, m. 1. ? Worthington, 2. Claddesha Stephensen, 3. Susanna Speight
- Elisha Darden 1722-1782, m. Elizabeth Williamson
- Stephen Darden 1671-1752, m. 1. Eleanor Carr, 2. Rebecca Hasher, 3. Mary Cox

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WIMBERLY FAMILY FILES

Hugh Johnston files

Joseph Wimberley, son of George Wimberley, Jr., and wife Charity Thomas, was born in 1765 and died in 1812. By 1786 he was married to Sarah Diggs, daughter of Robert Diggs and wife Elizabeth Lawson. She was born November 8, 1767, and died January 3, 1817, in Robertson County, Tennessee. In the Edgecombe County Census of 1790 he was listed with two males over sixteen, one male under sixteen, five females, and twenty-one slaves. (This tabulation probably included his orphaned brother and sister Jonathan Wimberley and Mourning Wimberley.) On August 2, 1796, Joseph Wimberley and William Broadribb witnessed the will of Hardy Jones of Edgecombe County. He moved subsequently to Robertson County, Tennessee, where he and his wife were members of the Red River Baptist Church.

Children of Joseph and Sarah (Diggs) Wimberley:

1. Robert Diggs Wimberley was born September 11, 1802, in Tennessee, and died August 3, 1872, in Edgecombe County, North Carolina. On May 22, 1828, he married Margaret Ann "Peggy" Powell, daughter of Willis Powell and wife Mary Harrison. She was born January 14, 1810, and died September 19, 1876, in Edgecombe County.
2. Elizabeth Wimberley married Lewis Whitfield, son of William Whitfield.
3. Joseph Wimberley II married January 15, 1822, Sarah Battle Fort, daughter of Josiah Fort and wife Piety Horn of Robertson County. She was born September 23, 1801, and died April 27, 1845.
4. Catherine Wimberley married Milton Bourne of Kentucky.
5. Sara Wimberley married John Nevill.
6. Dorothy Wimberley was born May 17, 1791.
7. George L. Wimberley married 1st August 29, 1818, Mary Ann Louisa "Lou" Dicken, daughter of Lewis Dicken and wife Mary Harrison. She was born July 28, 1798, and died June 5, 1855. He married 2nd Charlotte Trigg.

Children of Robert and Margaret (Powell) Wimberley:

1. Joseph W. Wimberley was born April 2, 1829.
2. Mary Louisa Wimberley was born November 19, 1831, and died on November 15, 1879. On December 13, 1849, she married George William Whitfield, son of George William Whitfield and wife Catharine Diggs Hart. He was born January 13, 1829, and died September 13, 1871. They were buried in Calvary Episcopal Churchyard in Tarboro, North Carolina. George W. Whitfield was a lawyer by profession. He attended the University of North Carolina from 1845-1847 and also attended the University of Virginia. He farmed for awhile near Demopoles, Ala., before settling permanently in Edgecombe County. In 1866, he served as representative in the N. C. State House of Representatives.
3. Catherine "Kate" Wimberley was born March 1, 1834.
4. George Lewis Wimberley was born July 30,1836.
5. Martha Ann Wimberley was born 1838.
6. Robert Diggs Wimberley was born 1842. He served in Company I ("Confederate Guards"), Fifteenth North Carolina Regiment, C. S. A., and died in service.

Children of George and "Lou" (Wimberley) Whitfield:

1. George Wimberley Whitfield, b. July 21, 1851, d. Aug. 24, 1856.
2. Catherine "Kate" Whitfield was born July 3, 1853.
3. Margaret "Peggy" Whitfield was born March 17, 1855, and died September 21, 1935. She was the second wife of Dr. Richard Harrison Speight. He was born January 5, 1847, and died September 4, 1919. They had no children.
4. George Wimberley Whitfield was born Dec. 23, 1856, and died in 1865.
5. Robert Diggs Whitfield was born in 1858 and died in 1860.
6. William Whitfield was born in 1861 and died in 1862.
7. Mary Louisa "Lulie" Whitfield was born July 8, 1865, and died September 4, 1902. On March 30, 1887, she married Marion Weddell Hart, son of Spencer Lee Hart and wife Unity Pamelia Andrews. He was born May 13, 1863, and died February 27, 1890. They were buried in Pineview Cemetery in Rocky Mount, N. C.

   Spencer Hart was born c. 1888 and was an aviator in World War I. He settled in Chicago and became a prominent banker.
8. Fanny Whitfield was born and died in 1867.
9. Howard Bourne Whitfield was born in 1870.

Darden Family *Continued from page 50)*

- Jacob Durden 1649-?, m. Ann Hill, Isle of Wight Co, Virginia
- Stephen Durden, b. ca 1611 Lancashire, England. Came to Nansemond Co., Virginia. Bought land there in 1649
- John Durden, lived in Lancashire, England. No record of his arrival or land purchase.

(family tree from www.angelfire.com/pinno/Dfam.html with modifications from FamilySearch.org.)

Darden family accomplishments are interesting. Here are some that we have located:

• High on the slopes of Hualalai in the Kona district of Hawaii, lies Darden-Young Farms and its estate grown "Morning Sun" Kona Coffee. The rich soil and consistent rains make this farm unique in Kona where rocky soils are a given. The coffee is hand picked and pruned. No pesticides or poisons are used, and the fertilizers are organic. The two acre orchard was planted in one of the oldest Macademia Nut orchards in West Hawaii. They produce approximately 3000 pounds of coffee a year. http://www.jessecolinyoung.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc

• Each year in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Thomas and Dee Dee Darden cure about 800 hams the same way the Darden family has done it for over 100 years. They begin curing the hams in February to be ready for sale starting July 4. "A ham preserved to the bone the right way will keep for years, but it is better eaten sooner," Thomas Darden said. On a cold afternoon, Tyler Florence of the Food Network and his production crew spent several hours in the warm, blue haze of the Darden smokehouse. The finished program was shown in the first week of April on the Food Network. Darden's Country Store, 16249 Bowling Green Rd, Smithfield, VA 23430, Phone: (757) 357-6791.

• Darden Family Bluegrass Festival, 1800 Dock Landing Road, Chesapeake, VA 23321 darssdard@aol.com

• *Spoonbread & Strawberry Wine : Recipes and Reminiscences of a Family* by Norma Jean Darden, Carole Darden. Southern African-American cooking and heritage. The authors are granddaughters of Charles H. Darden, Wilson storekeeper in the late 1800s and the person for whom the former high school was named. This book is available in our local library; about $17 from most book sellers.

Henry & Sue Powell

WAYNE COUNTY 1810 TAX LIST

P. C. 193; John Gray Blount Papers (1752-1833)

Contributed by Grace W. Turner

A List of the Taxable Propertys in Cpt Isaac Dickinsons District for the year 1810 taken Agreeable to an order of Court Ishewd May Term 1810 by **Ias Dickinson**

Persons Names	Acres of Land	Free Pole	Black Pole	Stores	Stud Horses
Benjamin Simms	500	2	6		
Joel Evins	175		1		
Benjamin Simms for Barnes Simms Dst	300				
Benjamin Simms & A Bardin for orphins Of Aba Simms	282				
Daniel Dickinson	200	2	2		
Jonathon Dickinson	125	1	1		
Bythel Dickinson	237	1	4		
David Dickinson	213	1			
Benjamin Dickinson	771	1	6		
Alexander Solesbery	592¾		3		
Jesea Boswell		1			
James H. Uzzell		1			
Jacob Evins		1			
Arthur Bardin	583	1	4		
Britain Simms	938		5		
John B. Cobb	204	1	2		
Rubin Hays	370				
David Barnes	350	1	2		
Sampson Jones	170	1			
Jesea Parker	340	1	1		
Samuel Barnes Jr	680	1			
John Barnes	609	1	1		
John Cammell	103	1			
Alin King	596	1			
Cloah Broadstreet	51				
John Lucus Jnr		1			
Micael Revel	350	1			
Isaa Lamb	275				
Jacob Renfrow Jnr	100	1	1		
Joseph Newsome	280	1	1		
Jacob Rentfrow Snr	150		1		
John Morris	175	1			
Jacob Lamb	165	1			
Jacob Barnes Jnr	115	1	1		
Joshua Lamb	375	1			
Silas Lamb	85	1			
Vincin Lamb		1			
Thomas Lamb	75	1			
Noah Privit	150				
Dovid Watson		1			
Daniel Lucus	150	1			
Jethrow Barnes	191	1	1		
Coder Rountree	600	1			
Matthew Turner	1480	2	10		
Silas Revil	85	2	2		
Jacob Barnes Snr	379	1	2		
Thomas Ares for John Parker	119				
Turner Dickinson		1	1		
James Umphleete	100	1			
Samuel Watson	90	1			
Samuel Watson for orphins of Redick Lamb	75				
Mary Daniel	404	1	2		
Axum Outland	244				
Edward Hood	1025		2		
William Feril	300				
Lamuel Woodard		1			
Isaac Dickinson Snr	800	1	11		1 at 25/
Isaac Dickinson for orphins of Jonathon Rogers	120				
John Broadsheet		1			
Arthur Bardin for S. Chance	41				
John Hardy	640	1	6		
Patience Lamb	175				
Isham Evins	350		3		
Jethrow Bass	100	1			
Hosea Bass	314	1			
Henry Ferril	150	1			
Jesea Pope	140	1			
Ruebin Lucus		1			
Reubin Hay		1			
Benjamin Umfleete	111	1			
John Lucus	140				
Asail Weever	137				
William Barnes	1005	1	4		
Mary Barnes	560		3		
Jeremiah Bass	83	1			
Elisha Daniel	50	1			
Ichabud Boswell	100	1			
Thomas Boswell		1			
Woodard Howell	160	1	1		
Abraham Lamb	150	1			
Thomas Durdano		1			
The Estate of John Barefoot By Charles Coleman					
The Estate of Thomas Horn	444				
The Estate of Jeremiah Horn	950				
Obadiah Hagins		1			
James Pew		1			
Theophelus Rose	120	1			
John Bass	83	1			
Absilum Bass	83	1			
John Boswell	108	1			
John Evins	250				

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(1810 Wayne Co. Tax List, continued from page 52)

Persons Names	Acres of Land	Free Pole	Black Pole	Stores	Stud Horses
Shadrach Simms	300		2		
William Eason	102				
Lewis Rountree		1			
Ephraim Bass	140				
John Gifferd		1			
John Pope	140	1			
David Pope	170	1			
Robert Raper	190				
Jonathon Lamb	75	1			
Joel Newsome	528	1	2		
William Ferell Jnr		1			
Simon Barnes	250	1			
Jethrow Dean	150	1			
Woodard Daniel	45	1			
Seth Peacock	275	1			
Robert Hooks	425	1			
Lewis Lucus		1			
Joshua Davis	100	1			
Stephen Tomberlinson	334	1			
Samuel Barnes Snr	391		6		
Abraham Lamb		1			
Stephen Cobb	2000	1	7		
John Worrell		1			
William Tomberlinson	150	1			
Luke Woodard	300	1	1		
Redick Barnes	380	1			
David Lamb	150	1			
James Rentfrow	250	1			
Drewry Barnes	94	1	2		
Francis Rountree	210	1	1		
Henry Horn		1			
Thomas Davis	280				
Haner Haners	67				
Elisha Woodard for Orphin of Elias Daniel	46				
Jesea Boswell Snr		1			
Martha Simms	200		3		
Edward Hailes		1			
Simon Acock		1			
Jonathon Durdano		1			
Corneleus Durdano		1			
Jordan Howell	125	1	2		
Honour Coleman					
Mary Daniel	78				
Theophilus Grice	80				
Willie Ferell		1			
Henry Durdano		1			
Shadrack Dickinson	963	1	8		
James Dickinson	300	1	4		
Taken by me Ias Dickinson					

On the reverse: *A List of Taxables Property For Capt Dickinsons District For the year 1810. Finis*

[Editor's note: The following list was attached; however, the entries were in a different handwriting, and there were no headings for the columns.]

Lancaster Cox		1	
James Barbey		1	
John Bass	150	1	2
Sarah Bass	570	2	
Andrew Mufrey		1	
Needham Grantham	200	1	
Andrew Mosgroves	140	1	2
John Ginnette		1	
Aberan Mosgroves	130	1	
John Fellows		1	2
W^{m} Holmes	420		
Michael McKinney	300	1	4
Hardy Holmes	238		
Frederick Holmes	195		
Jonathan Taylor Jun	230	1	
Jonathan Taylor Sen	100		
Wm Taylor	100	1	
John Hines		1	
Wm Ginnette		1	
Peter Hines	590		
Smitson Cox	601	1	
Winefred Cox	208		
Kinsey Cox	110	1	
Susanna Cox	110		
Solomon Grantham	349	1	1
Jerehh Ginnette	175		
Mathers Ginnette		1	
Robert Mosgreves	300	1	
Thos Grifford		1	
B Robin Hood	200	1	
Esmond Cox		1	
Federick Grantham	150	1	?
Thomas Grantham	276	1	
Robert McKinne	680	1	3
Sarah McKinne	570		2
Wm Johnston	300		
John Strickland	110	1	
Mary Hollonsworth	126		
Iron Strickland	100	1	
Josiah Cox	370		2
James Grantham	300		
Joseph Strickland	309	1	
Extrs of Briton Strickland	150		
John Brogdon	184		
Demsey Johnston	200	1	
Keder Jenigan	887	1	1
Jesse Waid		1	
Amos Wigs	100	1	
Thos Musgroves	150	1	
John Musgroves		1	
Lovit Pipkin	150	1	
Willis Pipkin	2750		9
W^{m} Pipkin		1	
W^{m} Sterling	60	1	

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(1810 Wayne Co. Tax List, *continued from page 53)*

Samuel Cannon		1
John Bizzell Jun	250	1
Benjd Wilkins	64	1
Moses Musgroves		1
John Lawhorn		1
Jacob Grantham	50	1
James Bennette		1
Sion Grantham		1
Isaac Bizzell		1
Ather Bizzell	235	1
Francis Joiner	150	1
Aaron Dean	100	1
Thos Dunn, Jun		1
Elijah Brown		1
Josiah Brown		1
W^{m} Dunn		1

W. HENRY TYSON OBITUARY
The Wilson Times, July 18, 1916

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

W. H. Tyson

Mr. W. H. Tyson died at his home in Wilson on Monday, the 3rd day of July, 1916, and was buried in Maplewood cemetery on the following day.

There were funeral services at the Methodist church conducted by Rev. W. A. Stanbury and at the grave the Masonic burial rites were observed.

Mr. Henry Tyson, as he was generally called, was born in Greenville, N. C., on the 7th day of November, 1867. He was the son of Samuel Vine Tyson, a prominent citizen of Greene county, and Dyce Johnson Tyson, who came from Tennessee.

Henry Tyson came to Wilson at the age of seventeen and entered the employment of J. & D. Oettinger. He clerked for this firm for ten years and then moved to Rocky Mount where he conducted a mercantile business for himself for nine years. He then opened a mercantile establishment in Durham and remained there four years. At the end of these four years he returned to Wilson and was associated in business with Mr. W. B. Young until the time of his death.

Mr. Tyson left surviving him a wife, Mrs. Maggie V. Tyson, one son, Henry Graham Tyson, eleven years old, two brothers, J. W. Tyson, of Bennettesville, S. C., and S. B. Tyson, of Durham, and one sister, Mrs. Olivia Smith of Weldon.

Mr. Tyson was a competent and successful business man, a member and faithful attendant of the Methodist church, a Mason and a member of the J. O. U. A. M.

Henry Tyson was a quiet, modest man with simple tastes. He was of strong personality but unusually gentle and tender with his family and his more intimate friends. During the many months of his illness he was daily visited by many of his friends, whose interest and sympathy aided much in sustaining him through his long suffering.

[Editor's Note: W. H. Tyson married Maggie V. Deans on Nov. 7, 1894, at the Methodist Church, Wilson. S. B. Parker, Lat. Williams, and S. R. Tyson were witnesses. Margaret V. Deans Tyson, b. 01 May 1871, d. 24 Nov. 1954, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson.]

ELIZABETH PEELE LETTER
From the Hugh B. Johnston files

February 19, 1856

Dear Granddaughter,

I write you a few lines in answer to your letter to let you know that myself and family are well as could be expected, with the exception of colds, which are a general complaint. We have had the coldest weather I have experienced since I left my native State, except the cold Saturday 21 years past. The letter your Father wrote to me has not come to hand yet, though I have received one from him since, stating that Jack Simms had been in to see him. He has married since that time, but I reckon he has informed you of it before this time. Please excuse me for not writing to you any sooner than now, as I cannot write myself and have to get my son J. W. Peele to write for me. I received a letter from J. B. Woodard and never answered it. I kept putting it off, so you see procrastination is the thief of time. I wish to hear from you as often as I can, so all of you must write to me occasionally, for it is very consoling to me in my old age to keep up correspondence with my grandchildren, though some of you I never saw. Give my love to Sisters Zilpha and Patty. Please accept my love to all of you.

Elizabeth Peele

Tell your Father I have my old Bible yet and am better satisfied when reading it than any other time; and live in a lively hope when I leave this world that I shall be at rest. I was born December 4th, 1778, making me 78 years old the 4th day of December next. We have had snow on the ground for about a month this Winter. Corn is worth $2.00 to $3.00 per barrel, and bacon is 10 cents per pound. Excuse bad writing and spelling.

Elizabeth Peele

[Editor's notes: Elizabeth Peele was Elizabeth Woodard, daughter of Elisha Woodard, Jr., and Sarah Howell. She married John Jossey Peele, son of Robert Peele and Margaret Jossey. He was born on January 25, 1777. Earlier issues of *Trees* have contained articles about the move of this family in 1833 to Troup County, Georgia, from the area where Toisnot and Contentnea Swamps meet in what was then Edgecombe County, N. C. (May 1997) and who their children were (Nov. 1999).

This letter was written to Mary Jane Woodard, who was born on March 29, 1837, the daughter of James Bullock Woodard and Sarah Howell Peele, the oldest child of John Jossey and Elizabeth Peele.

J. W. Peele was John Woodard Peele, born 1821 in Edgecombe County and died abt. February 1889 in Troup County, Georgia.

J. B. Woodard was John Bunyan Woodard.

Zilpha Woodard, Elizabeth's sister, was born in 1795 and died on December 6, 1882. She married first Hilliard Thomas, second to Stephen Eure, and third to Jesse Pittman.

Martha "Patty" Woodard, Elizabeth's sister, was born in 1789 and died on October 19, 1869. On November 12, 1822, she married William Batts, who was born on June 10, 1772, and died on September 18, 1856.]

WILSON COUNTY 1867-68 BUSINESS DIRECTORY

North Carolina Business Directory, 1867-68

Edited by Levi Branson

WILSON COUNTY.

Population in 1860 9,720.

County Seat—Wilson.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Attorney, J. W. Lancaster.
Clerk Co. Court, B. F. Briggs.
Clerk Sup. Court, T. J. Rowe.
Chairman Co. Court, A. G. Brooks.
Clerk and M. in Eq., B. H. Blount.
Coroner, -----
Register, A. J. Brown.
Sheriff, J. W. Davis.
Deputy Sheriff, A. J. Simms.
Surveyor, -----
Standard Keeper, A. Farmer.
Trustee, L. D. Farmer.

SCHOOLS.

Wilson Female Seminary, Messrs. Hooper.
Wilson Male Academy, G. W. Arrington.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.

Wilson, meth., C. C.Dodson.
Batts', meth., Joyners, J. W. Jenkins.
Mt. Zion, meth., Joyners, J. W. Jenkins.
Town Creek, prim. bap., Joyners, Jesse Baker.
White Oak, prim. bap., Saratoga, Jesse Baker.
Wilson, prim. bap., Jesse Baker.
Black Creek, prim. bap., Mr. Crumpler.
Wilson, mis. bap., Wm. Hooper.
St. Timothy, epis., Wilson, A. A. Benton.

HOTELS & BOARDING HOUSES.

Wilson Hotel, J. J. Lutts.
R. R. Hotel, Wilson, Pate & Farmer.
Boarding House, Wilson, T. B. Gilliam.
Bar and Restaurant, Wilson, W. C. Batts.
Bar and Restaurant, Wilson, B. D. Stith.

LAWYERS.

Barnes A. Wilson.
Blount George W. Wilson.
Lancaster Jas. W. Wilson.
Howard & Whitfield, Wilson.
Singletary R. W. Wilson.
Woodard Jas. S. Wilson.

MANUFACTORIES.

Condon Thos. coachmaker, Stantonsburg.
Parker, Murray & Co., coachmakers, Wilson.
Griffin & Clark, coachmakers, Wilson.
Ruffin A. G. cabinet maker, Wilson.
Farmer & Wainright, foundry and agricultural warehouse, Wilson.
Mayo E. T. plow manufactory, Wilson.

MERCHANTS.

Armstrong, Daniel, grocer, Joyners' Depot.
Barnes A. grocer, Black Creek.
Borden & Carrow, Stantonsburg.
Clark E. G. grocer, Wilson.
Crafton John, grocer, Wilson.
Cobb Gray, Joyner's Depot.
Chrismas N. C. grocer, Black Creek.
Farmer W. D. Joyner's Depot.
Gardner Thos. Saratoga.
Griffin G. H. Joyner's Depot.
Kincaid W. J. Wilson.
Lamb Wiley, Wilson.
Rosenthal E. Wilson.
Rountree (M) & Co. Wilson.
Prosise T. J. confectioner, Wilson.
Rountree Chas. J. drugs, Wilson.
Stith B. B. grocer, Wilson.
Taylor Jas. J Joyner's Depot.
Thomas J. J. Wilson.
Winstead Harris, Joyner's Depot.
Wilkinson & Dunn, Stantonsburg.
Winstead & Hardy, Wilson.
Williams, Mrs.—milliner, Wilson.
Wiggins Jas. Wilson.
Woodard S. Black Creek.
Yelverton (R. S.) & Co. Stantonsburg.

MINISTERS.

Hooper Wm. mis. bap., Wilson.
Baker J. prim bap., Saratoga.
Crumpler—, prim. bap., Black Creek.
Benton A. A. epis., Wilson.
Dodson C. C. meth., Wilson.

MILLS AND OWNERS.

Barefoot's, Wilson, A. J. & G. W. Barefoot.
Baker's, Wilson, R. H. Baker.
Barnes', Wilson, Joshua Barnes.
Steam Saw, Wilson, Jno. T. Barnes.
Farmer's, Joyner's Depot, W. D. Farmer.
Steam Saw, Wilson, Wiley Lamb.
Simms', Wilson, Wiley Simms.
Taylor's, Wilson, Dr. Taylor.

NEWSPAPERS.

The Plaindealer, Wilson, C. S. McDaniel, Editor.
Zion's Landmarks, Wilson, L. I. Bodenheimer, Editor.

PHYSICIANS.

Armstrong Jas. H. Joyner's Depot.
Barnes E. Wilson.
Brewer, W. S. Black Creek.
Barham R. G. Wilson.
King R. W. Wilson.
Moore A. D. Wilson.
Peacock C. C. Stantonsburg.
Stith L. A. Wilson.
Winstead J. H. Wilson.

POST OFFICES & POST MASTERS.

Black Creek, Mrs. H. C. Chrismas.
Joyner's Depot, G. H. Griffin.
Wilson, Mrs. Daniel.
Stantonsburg, -----

WILLIAM PATRICK WOOTTEN

Funeral Register of Wootten and Stevens, Undertakers of Wilson, North Carolina, November 18, 1896-June 27, 1899
Edited by Hugh B. Johnston, 1977

[Editor's note: This unpublished manuscript is shelved in the Wilson County Public Library. This article is Part II of a series that will continue until we have published all of the burials recorded in the manuscript. Part I was included in the April 2004 issue of Trees of Wilson. It would seem that the "lengths" given are that of the coffin not the individual.]

William Patrick "Pat" Wootten was born on March 14, 1844, in Wayne County, North Carolina, and died in Wilson on September 12, 1916. He came to Wilson in 1856 with his widowed mother (she apparently died before 1860) and sister Lucinda (born in 1842) who was employed as a mantua-maker by Mrs. Elizabeth Williams. The Census of 1860 listed each of them with personal property valued at $300.

On July 9, 1861, he enlisted under Captain Jesse S. Barnes as a private in Company F, 4th North Carolina State Troops Regiment, C. S. A., and experienced an admirable although painful military career. At the Battle of Seven Pines on May 31, 1862, he was severely wounded in the arm; and at the Battle of Spottsylvania Court House on or about May 10, 1864, a shot plowed across his left thigh and left a wound twelve inches long. After a furlough of about one hundred four days, he rejoined his Company in time to be captured at the Battle of Winchester on September 19, 1864. He was confined for two months in the Federal Military Prison at Point Lookout, Maryland, but was exchanged about November 15, in time to participate with his Company in the retreat from Petersburg. Having been wounded in the right thigh by an explosive bullet at the Battle of High Bridge on April 7, 1865, he had to be carried in an ambulance to receive his parole with the rank of Sergeant at Appomattox Court House, after which he returned to Wilson and spent about four months recovering from his last wound. (He had been made a Corporal on September 6, 1863.)

Whether or not Mr. Wootten worked as a cabinet-maker with D. A. Smith in 1866, or with A. Gray Ruffin in 1867-1870 at the S. E. corner of Barnes and Douglas Streets, is not now subject to proof, but he was definitely working at that trade by 1870. On October 11, 1866, he had married Mary Polk Perry, daughter of Thomas Perry and wife Temperance Dawson of Wilson. She was born on December 15, 1844, in Franklin County, and died at 308 E. Nash Street in Wilson on August 8, 1934. They had three sons, of whom Charles Davis Wootten died unmarried in Wilson, while Edwin lived in Savannah, Georgia, and George in Hickory, North Carolina.

On January 10, 1871, W. P. Wootten (not many people used the double-t spelling that he appears to have preferred personally) paid George W. Blount, attorney for A. D. Skinner and C. W. and Sarah Fitzgerald, $550 for about a half-acre on the west side of Barnes Street beginning 68 feet north of Spring Street and bounded by property owned by Bernard, Nancy Fitzgerald, and Mumford L. Franklin. The North Carolina Directory of 1872 found him and Roselle T. Stevens in partnership under the name Wootten & Stevens, Cabinet Makers. By 1889 they advertised "Furniture and Undertakers," and in 1897 they were "Furniture Dealers and Funeral Directors." (It is interesting to note that in 1977 this last name was still clearly advertised in fading paint on the fourth rafter from the front corner of the Watson Warehouse in Wilson.)

In February of 1873 W. P. Wootten and R. T. Stevens contracted to pay $300 to David L. and Mary W. Hardy, and to E. S. and Kate Walton, for two-sevenths of an acre beside the Hackney and Murray property, fronting 75 feet along Nash Street to the corner of Spring (now Douglas) Street, and running 179 feet along the latter to the William Murray lot. By 1912 Quinn—McGowan Furniture Co., Undertakers and Embalmers, had succeeded Wootten and Stevens; and at the death of Mr. Andrew D. McGowan in 1919, Jesse W. Thomas, H. Paul Yelverton, and V. C. Martin bought the firm and continued its operation after 1920 under the name Thomas, Yelverton & Co., Funeral Directors and Embalmers. By 1925 they also advertised "Better Furniture," a feature that has also been maintained by this firm to the present day.

W. P. Wootten made a holograph will on July 3, 1896, and it was probated by the Wilson County Court on October 24, 1916. He named his wife as executrix and left her the lifetime use of all his real and personal property, including his interest in the firm of Wootten & Stevens. The only special bequests were a gold watch to William P. Wootten, Jr., and "my gold pen at store" to E. R. Wootten.

Hugh B. Johnston, Jr.
September 5, 1977

[Editor's note: The obituary of William Patrick Wootten was included in the January 2002 issue of Trees of Wilson.]

WOOTTEN AND STEVENS REGISTER

Part 2 of a continuing series. Part 1 was included in the April 2004 issue of *Trees*.

[Editor's note: Lengths seem to be that of the coffin.]

- Barnes, Edwin, Jr.: Wilson. White. Died January 20, 1897, length 6' 3". Funeral at Episcopal Church. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. Dr. Nathan Anderson. Cost $66.50. Brother of F. W. Barnes and "was Post Master at his Death." (Page 23)
- Barnes, Elizabeth: Near Wilson. White. Died January 15, 1899, length 5' 9", wife of Bryant Barnes. Cost $10. Billed to G. D. Walston, James Marshbourn, and P. Taylor. (Page 408)
- Barnes, Freddie: Wilson Township. Colored. Died June 7, 1897, aged 1 year, of "Bowell Trouble," length 2' 9", son of Alford Battle Barnes. Burial in Jason Barnes Cemetery. Cost $4.50. Billed to Jason Barnes by "order of S. C. Wells." (Page 81)
- Barnes, George: Elm City. White. Died November 30, 1896, aged 2 years and 11 months, child of George Barnes, length 2' 9". Buried in Elm City Cemetery. Dr. E. G. Moore. Cost $30. (Page 4)
- Barnes, Jos. L.: Lucama. White. Died November 23, 1898, aged 37 years, of malarial fever, length 6 feet. Dr. W. D. Crocker. Cost $15. Billed to W. T. Barnes. Funeral in Lucama Church. Burial in Stephen Boswell Cemetery.

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- Barnes, Lillie: Near Wilson. Colored. Died December 22, 1897, aged 28 years. Dr. Albert Anderson. Cost $10. Billed to Spencer Daniel. Burial in Mrs. Forbes's Cemetery. (Page 191)
- Barnes, Loucinda: Near Wiggins's Mill. Died April 16, 1897, aged 37, of "Heart Trouble," length 5' 9". Funeral at House. Buried at home cemetery. Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $18. Bill to George Barnes. (Page 57)
- Barnes, Minnie: Near Contentnea Church. White. Died November 22, 1898, aged 1 year 5 months, length 3 feet, of malaria. Cost $8.50. Bought by Johnie Smith for Rosco Barnes. (Page 379)
- Barnes, Nellie: Spring Hill Township. White. Died April 8, 1898, aged about 50 years, of consumption, length 5''6"" wife of Henly Barnes. Cost $15. Burial in Wayne County. (Page 229)
- Barnes, Sally Ann Frances: "4 miles of Wilson." White. Died July 16, 1897, aged 33, of cancer, length 5' 9", wife of Perry Barnes. Dr. C. E. Moore. Buried in Leddie Barnes Cemetery. Cost $10. (Page 102)
- Barnes, Short: Taylor's Township. Colored. Died October 11, 1897, aged 68 years, of "Gravel," length 6 feet. Dr. N. B. Herring. Cost $10. Burial in Squire Coleman's Cemetery. (Page 149)
- Barnes, Susie: Near Wilson. Colored. Died May 31, 1898, aged 24 or 25 years, length 6 feet. Cost $2.50. Dr. T. B. Person. Billed to A. P. Branch. Burial in General [Joshua] Barnes Cemetery. [editor: Insertion of Joshua made by Hugh Johnston.] (Page 263)
- Barnes, Wiley G.: Elm City. White. Died May 26, 1898, aged 80 years, of age and indigestion, length 6' 3". Cost $50. Dr. E. G. Moore. Funeral at home. Burial in Elm City Cemetery. "Mr. Barnes was a Gentleman of the Old School." (Page 258)
- Barron, _____: 13 miles from Wilson. White. Died February 7, 1898, length 6 feet, mother of Mrs. B. F. Briggs and wife of Colonel Barron. Cost $45.45. (Page 204)
- Barron, Alex: Wilson. Colored. Died March 22, 1899, aged 30 years, of consumption, length 5' 9". Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $8. Funeral at house. Burial in Oak Dale Cemetery. Billed to Grant Foster. (Page 440)
- Barron, Lois Ophelia: Wilson. White. Died January 27, 1899, aged 1 year 8 months, of cholera infantum. Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $5. Billed to Jas. T. Barron. Funeral at home. Burial in Gardner's Township. (Page 413)
- Baskerville, Julia: Wilson. Colored. Died June 6, 1899, length 5' 9", cook of Mrs. Mittie Wells. Cost $10. Billed to Mrs. John D. Wells. Burial at Littleton, N. C. (Page 480)
- Bass, _____: Near Wilson. White. Died July 10, 1897, length 2' 6". Buried near Frank Farmer's home. Cost $1.50. Billed to Frank Bass. (Page 99)
- Bass, *Zilliah*: Black Creek Township. White. Died September 16, 1898, length 5'9', wife of David Bass. Cost $32.50. (Page 330) [editor: The name Zilliah has been handwritten on the manuscript.]
- Bass, Bennett: Gardner's Township. White Died April 15, 1898, aged 64 years, length 6'. Dr. Albert Anderson. Buried in Jesse Pittman Cemetery. (Page 233)
- Bass, Elizabeth: Near Lucama. White. Died April 14, 1899, aged 77 years, length 5' 9", of old age. Dr. Crocker. Cost $10. Billed to Larry Lucas. Burial in Ephraim Bass Cemetery. (Page 448)
- Bass, Jesse: Lucama. White. Died December 26, 1898, aged 18 years, of locked bowels, length 5' 9". Dr. Hays. Cost $16.75. Billed to Mr. Hays. Funeral at home. Burial in Jesse Bass Cemetery. (Page 394)
- Battle, Lougenia: Near town. Colored. Died December 19, 1897, aged 4 years, of mumps, length 3' 3". Certified by Dr. Williams (colored). Cost $4. (Page 187)
- Battle, Turner: Wilson. Colored. Died January 16, 1899, aged 46, shot to death. Drs. Moore and Anderson. Cost $10. Billed to Isham Perry. Burial in Oakdale Cemetery. (Page 409)
- Batts, _____: Gardner's Township. Colored. Died September 13, 1897, of burns, aged 4 years, length 3' 4", child of Jos. Batts. Buried in Captain Hines Cemetery. Cost $5. Bill rendered through D. R. Petway. (Page 136)
- Batts, _____: Gardner's Township. White. Died June 13, 1899, aged 1 year, length 2' 6", child of Lawrence Batts. Dr. Cheers. Cost $8.50. Billed to Theodore Bell. Burial in Noah Wiggins Cemetery. (Page 488)
- Batts, Hassel: Gardner's Township. White. Died December 30, 1896, aged 2 years, of diphtheria, length 3 feet. Buried at Noah Wiggins Cemetery. Cost $10. Grandson of Ed Batts. (Page 13)
- Batts, Joshua: Gardner's Township. Colored. Died September 14, 1897, of burns, aged 9 years, son of Jos. Batts. Cost $6. Billed through D. R. Petteway. Buried in Capt. Hines Cemetery. (Page 137)
- Batts, Malvina: Near Wilson. Colored. Died September 29, 1897, aged 40, of dropsy, length 5' 9". Burial in Bat Thompson Cemetery. Dr. Albert Anderson. Cost $5. (Page 142)
- Batts, Margaret Ella: Wilson County. White. Died August 31, 1898, aged 10 months, length 2' 6". Cost $10. Billed to J. R. Batts. Buried in Jerry Bates Cemetery. (Page 317)
- Bayley, J. D.: Nash County. White. Died December 14, 1896, of "yellow chill," length 5' 9". "Was better known as Dobbin Bayley." Cost $30. (Page 9)
- Beaman, R. J. W.: Greene County. White. Died February 24, 1897, of chills, length 6 feet. Buried in Home Cemetery. Cost $40.25. Billed to Mary C. Beaman. "Was large Planter in Green County, N. C." (Page 37)
- Beckham, Junius: Wilson. Colored. Died September 24, 1898, aged 9 months, of pneumonia, length 2' 9". Cost $5. Billed to Henry Beckham. Burial in Colored Cemetery. Dr. Albert Anderson. (Page 341)
- Bell, _____: Black Creek. White Died July 3, 1897, length 2' 9", child of George Bell. Cost $5. (Page 94)
- Bell, Will: Wilson. Colored. Died May 13, 1899, aged 28 years, suddenly. Cost $12.50. Billed to Colored Odd Fellows. "Will Bell died very sudden on the street; cause supposed to be heart failure." (Page 463)

PROTECT YOUR WORK

Contributed by Carol Forbes

We have all heard of the death of a genealogist followed by the loss of all of the person's work when no one else in the family was interested in the material compiled. To assure that the some thing does not happen to your genealogical papers, charts, photocopies of original records, books, computer files, etc. make your wishes known. One way to do this is to add a statement to your will specifying what you would like to be done with your accumulated work.

Included here is a form that you could complete and add to your will.

A Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament

To my spouse, children, guardian, administrator and/or executor:

Upon my demise it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those records prepared by others which may be in my possession, including but not limited to books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years.

During this time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories.
[If you know whom within your family or friends are likely candidates to accept these materials, please add the following at this point: "I suggest that the persons contacted regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but not be limited to" and then list the names of those individuals at this point, with their addresses and telephone numbers if known.]

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials.
[List of organizations, addresses and phone numbers at bottom; include local chapters, with their addresses, phone numbers and contact persons if available as well as state/national contact information and addresses.]

Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel, and money. Therefore it is my desire that the products of these endeavors be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Signature _____ Date_____

Witness _____ Date_____

Witness _____ Date_____

[Check requirements in your state for proper execution of a document such as this. In Virginia, two witnesses are okay with a self-proving affidavit, but this should be done in front of a notary public. Most people have self-executing affidavits at the end of their wills and of their "living wills." (In Virginia they are called "Advance Medical Directives.")]

MINUTES-APRIL 27, 2004

The WCGS met on April 27, 2004 with Carol Forbes presiding. Her opening remarks welcomed everyone and remembered Paul Darden, a faithful member who had died since the prior meeting. There was a suggestion that a book be placed in our library in his memory, but it was determined that it would have to be approved by the board. Appreciation was expressed to Jerry Stancil for the use of the meeting room.

Henry Powell reported that few financial transactions been received in the mail and that there was only a small change in the accounting numbers for the past month.

Sue Powell has finished the process of copying the Thomas file in Hugh Johnson's work and told of some of the interesting tales in those files. Work on the files is nearly completed. Copies of the Johnson Files are available at $.20 cents per page.

Guy Potts, our guest speaker for the evening, was introduced and gave us some interesting data on Old Dobbs County and some facts on the Pipkin, Simms and Gold families from this area. It seems that Wilson had the first liquor store in 1935.

Mr. Potts described the Old Dobbs Genealogical Society's project to prepare the Wayne County cemetery books, which will be in three parts with the first section, the northern third of the county, to be ready for sale by the end of 2004.

At the end of his remarks, Guy used the computer for a demonstration of On Line genealogy stating that there are vast amounts of information on USGenWeb and the NC section of GenWeb.

Respectfully submitted
Frances W. Roberson

REQUEST FOR LIBRARY SUPPORT

Members of WCGS and Wilson County Public Library supporters are requested to attend the Wilson County Commissioners' meeting at 7 pm on June 8. This meeting will deal with budget requests for the coming fiscal year, and Dr. Patrick Valentine, Library Director, will be making a request for an additional staff person to serve as a full time Genealogy Librarian. He has asked that WCGS members attend and speak to the needs for this position to help make the county commissioners aware that the position is needed.

The location of the meeting is not known by your editors at this time. When it is known, we will post it to the e-group. It will also probably be posted in *The Wilson Daily Times.*

Queries

Questions about Wilson County families may be e-mailed to WilsonNC@yahoogroups.com or to ancestor@wcgs.org.

To become a member of the list, visit our web site at http://www.wcgs.org. Go to the "discussion" section to view previous queries and answers or to join the group or post a query.

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WILSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS RELEASE

Patrick Valentine, Director

Basic central library schedule: Normal hours: 9am-9pm, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. 9am-6m Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

June 16 & 17: no computer services.

June 29 to July 19: library closed for moving [from old to new section in order to remodel old section]: [Dates] subject to change as necessary.

The construction of the new section of the Wilson County Public Library's central building is coming along and we appreciate the hard work the prime contractors have been doing, along with many other subcontractors and firms. Because of weather conditions earlier – hurricanes, snow and persistent winter rain – the schedule has fallen some from the original plans. The architects, construction crews, library staff and Trustees, and the Friends of the Library remain committed to completing this project before Christmas. …

In June we are scheduled to install a new main computer-server. It is likely that we will be without our circulation and catalog systems and without public Internet access on June 16 and 17. The library will be open during this time, just without computer services. Then, about two weeks later, the new building should be completed and turned over to the library for occupation.

Starting on June 29, if all goes according to schedule, we shall start moving furniture, children's books, audiovisual materials, paperbacks, magazines, and some adult books into the new section. The central library will be closed while the move continues. The move is expected to take up to three weeks. Branch libraries will be open five days a week during that period. … Many books are already in storage and more will be put in storage. … **During this renovation period, we will have a reduced collection of adult reference and genealogy materials**. … The library will continue to provide supervised computer and Internet access.

After we move into the new section in July, the construction crews will begin remodeling the old section of the library. That includes knocking out some walls and other major renovation. Almost nothing that the library owns or can reuse will remain in the old library while remodeling is done. There will be no public access to the old section and all central library services will operate out of the new entrance off Broad Street. The branch libraries will remain open [with] extended hours while the renovation continues. When completed, both sections of the library will be splendid. We will have much additional, and beautiful, space to arrange and display larger collections of books, magazines, specialized materials, audiovisuals, and much more and better access to supervised computer use. We expect to begin moving into the completed library in December. Library staff hope over the coming year to begin offering new and enhanced services, as we – and you – settle into this new and splendid library. Please bear with the inconveniences and disturbances for a few more months!

[Editor's Note: After the renovation, the Genealogy, Local History, and North Carolina collections will be housed in a spacious area in the front of the renovated old section.]

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President's Message

Hello Readers,

Summer is here at last. We can enjoy the warm weather while rocking in our chairs, and drinking a tall cold glass of lemonade. Our American flags on the porches wave in the gentle breezes.

On June 14, we celebrate Flag Day. As you watch your American flag fluttering in the summer winds, say to yourself, if not out loud, proudly: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Remember our brave men and women who fought and continue to fight for our Freedom so we can enjoy peace and tranquility.

Another special day we celebrate this month is Fathers Day, June 20. Here is a little poem I found, author unknown, title unknown, that says a great deal about the way we feel about our fathers:

Walk a little slower, Daddy,
Said a little child so small.
I'm following in your footsteps
And I don't want to fall.
Sometimes your steps are very fast,
Sometimes they are hard to see,
So, walk a little slower, Daddy,
For you are leading me.
Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be.
Then I will have a little child
Who'll want to follow me,
And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true.
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you.

Happy Father's Day to dads every where!

Carol M. Forbes, WCGS President

The June Social

Its that time of the year again. Another program year has passed and we'll get together for a celebration meal on Tuesday, June 22 at 6:30 PM. The location will be at the Durwood Stancil Building on Ward Boulevard where we have been meeting for the past year or so during the library renovation.

Bring yourself and something good to eat. It doesn't matter … salad, main course or dessert; it all gets eaten. Sometimes we get some local barbecue ("Holy Grub" as christened by Dennis Rogers) or chicken pastry or gooey cakes and pies. The hostess for the occasion provides the plates, utensils and beverages.

We usually have door prizes, and this year is a "bring your own" experience. Choose a gift (inexpensive and possibly humorous) to add to the collection. We'll draw names during the evening and award one of the prizes to the person whose name is drawn. Think genealogy when you make your choice … perhaps a cemetery cleaning kit (shaving cream and plastic scrub pad) or a notepad and pencil. Be creative!

We don't have any entertainment lined up yet, but the floor is open for volunteers. There will not be a swim suit competition this year, and Clay Aiken was not available to sing. There may be a new American Idol hiding out among our group. Who will it be? Judy O'Neal and her shoes?

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PUT YOUR ANCESTOR IN HIS SURROUNDINGS

The first level of our family history research is the gathering of names, dates, and connections. This information provides us the skeleton of the family. However, those raw bones do not tell us of the lives that they lived.

The second level towards a more complete family history involves learning all that we can about their lives. It is highly unlikely that each of our ancestors kept a diary or journal in which the details of their lives were recorded.

Census, land, court, and estate records tell a great deal and should be examined for all that they contain. The same is true for wills. Analyze the information included. Relationships may be specified or clues given which can lead one to search for additional information. Family dynamics can be imagined from what is recorded and that which was omitted. For example, the will of Elizabeth Ellis on page 69 causes one to wonder why she did not make bequests to her other children or their children if deceased. There is a story there if only we had a way to learn it.

Legal records tell us a great deal; however, they are only part of the story. If we want to know about the daily lives of our ancestors, we have to study the complete picture. Where did they live? Try to find the geographic location. Learn who their neighbors were. How might they have interacted? Where might they have attended church? Where would they have purchased supplies? How would they have dressed? Do you understand how they made their living (not just what the occupation was)?

What historic events were occurring? How might they have had an impact on their lives? What was the economic climate when and where they lived? What

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FAMILY CONNECTIONS—*WILSON DAILY TIMES*

WILEY ELLIS, SOUTHERN HERO

We note the annual recognition of Confederate Memorial Day on May 10. This event commemorates that war that many of us have not yet forgotten. Family memories are still fresh, the sorrow is still with us, and the simple bravery, honor and dedication of our southern heroes lives on as a model for all to follow.

This year, the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) chose a local soldier to remember by placing an iron cross of honor on his grave. Their annual ceremony at Maplewood Cemetery went on just as it did when I was a youngster when children encircled the mound and adorned it with sprays of flowers. Fifty years ago, there were dozens of young people, scouts and tobacco trucks laden with lovely belles, bands and stirring music and speeches.

This year we found a tape recorded band, a lone bagpiper and a half-dozen casually clad youngsters who tossed flowers on the mound. A small group of about two dozen people watched the ceremony. We attended because the soldier chosen to be honored never married, and we were contacted as a great nephew/niece to say a few words about Wiley Marcellus Ellis.

In preparing our remarks, we soon discovered that Uncle Wile, as he was known by the family, had been awarded the "Southern Cross of Honor" by the UDC. We traced this medal back to the UDC and found that it had been awarded between 1900 and 1913 as crosses issued after that time had numbers, and his did not.

What kind of service would merit an award? Surely the criteria varied between the various chapters of the UDC and its ancestral organization. It is clear, however, that honor was a big factor in making the award. Wiley Ellis was a quiet man who lived alone and ran the family farm. How did he earn this honor? Here's the rest of the story.

Wile was born in 1847, eldest son and second child of Josiah (Josie) and Betsy Ellis of Stantonsburg. There were eleven children in the family. They lived well with much farm land, a big house, and all the comforts that the mid nineteenth century had to offer to those who lived in a rural community. Their home was about one mile from town. The children attended the local school (Hopewell Academy) founded, in part, by Wile's grandfather, Lewis Ellis.

As the Civil War closed in around the family, they saw neighbor boys go away and never come back. The fight was serious, and it was for real, not for slavery or for southern rights, but for the plain and simple right of self determination … being left alone to mind your own business as you saw fit without some pompous windbag elsewhere telling you what you could or could not do.

Josie Ellis was 44 years old in 1863 when the call came for ALL able bodied men to rise to the cause. With ten living children, it seems certain that he would have qualified for an exemption. We don't know what happened. Our suspicion is that his sense of honor took hold and sent him into battle.

Josie wrote letters home often. He was literate and well read and expressed his emotions well in words. Transcriptions of the letters are shelved in the Wilson County Library, and the originals are still held by a family member. These letters make a distinct trail northward, and finally into Maryland where Josie's regiment prepared a sneak attack

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JOHN LEWIS SPENCE NAME CHANGE
Wayne County Miscellaneous Records
Contributed by Grace W. Turner

State of North Carolina Superior Court of Law
Wayne County Special Term, Dec. 1856

To the Honorable the Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the County of Wayne

John Lewis Spence Your petitioner through his next friend W^{m} B. Whitfield, humbly complaining, sheweth unto your honor that he was born in Duplin County, in the state aforesaid, on the 29th of April A. D. 1838, that he has hitherto been Known by the name of John Lewis Spence, Spence being his mother's maiden name, that he labors under great disabilities, well Known to your honor, that he is now a citizen of this County where he has resided for upwards of eight years where he has learned the trade of a blacksmith under his father, John Albertson, that, by industry and economy, he hopes to acquire such property as will enable him to live a useful and honorable life, and therefore is desirous and anxious to change his name from John Lewis Spence to John Lewis Albertson and humbly entreats your honor to grant the prayer of his petition and grant such other and further relief as to your Honor shall seem meet and your petitioner, as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

W. A. Wright

John Lewis Spence Petition to change name
By W^{m} B Whitfield
Ex parte

Upon hearing the Petition filed in this case it is considered by the court and it is so ordered and decreed, that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and that his name be altered and changed from John Lewis Spence to John Lewis Albertson by which said name of John Lewis Albertson he shall hereafter be known and called ___

On reverse: Petition of Jno. L. Spence by his next friend W^{m} B Whitfield, Ex parte; Petition to change name of Petitioner; Dec^{r} Term 1856; W A Wright

BEQUESTS TO SLAVES
Hugh B. Johnston's Thomas Family File

In 1788 the will of Micajah Thomas of Nash County rewarded two of his many slaves for their faithful services:

"And whereas my trusty servant old Peter has been very faithful in his duty, it is my will and desire that he should live on my manor plantation without interruption and have and enjoy all the privileges of a free man forever, and that he shall have the use and profit of his wife until a division of the other slaves hereafter named takes place, and shall further have the benefit of raising stock, and be allowed a sufficient quantity of ground to tend at the discretion of my executors and shall support and maintain himself and his wife and such of his children as are not able to earn their food and raiment." (Will Book 1, p. 52)

"It is my will and desire that my blacksmith Lewis shall be allowed the use of his own shop and all the smiths tools thereunto belonging, that he shall have the privilege of getting and bringing coal wood on any part of my lands that are most convenient. He shall also be entitled to the use and service of his wife [Moll], the benefit of raising stock, living on my plantation, and cultivating lands at the discretion of my executors, and shall also have the use and service of his two sons, Phil and York, on his paying into the hands of my exrs. The sum of fifty pounds annually until a division of the slaves hereafter named takes place, then if he shall have taught his two sons Phil and York the blacksmith's trade, he shall be entitled to all the tools belonging to his own shop, his own freedom, and his wife's forever." (Will Book 1, pp. 52/53)

*(**Wiley Ellis** Continued from page 62)*
from the north on Washington in the hope of capturing President Lincoln in June of 1864. The feds got wind of the movement and stopped it cold in Silver Spring, and the letters from Josie stopped as well. Finally, in October of 1864, Betsy got a letter from the regimental physician telling of Josie's probable death, but he didn't know where the body was (and we still don't know).

Wile was 17 years old and was now the man of the family. He kept right on with the farm work although when the Junior Reserves were formed in December, he joined up and trained with them. The Reserves were sent to fight at Bentonville, but family legend has it that Wile stayed home and took care of the plowing. Duty was duty and he did whatever had to be done. Wile was mustered out at the end of the war and kept on doing what he had been doing all along. He had no time for courting and social life. There was always farm work to be done to help his mother with the children who grew up, married and moved away. Betsy passed on in 1895, leaving the farm to her grandson, Will Shelton, but Wile stayed on in the big house. When it burned some years later, Wile just moved into the old kitchen and carried on cooking for himself and tending the farm. When he reached his 80s, his health began to fail, so he moved into town with Brother Tobe (John Thomas Ellis) where he passed on and was buried at Maplewood in 1929.

Thus ended the life of a southern hero, a man who did his duty and put the needs of others ahead of himself.

Henry and Sue Powell
Great nephew and great niece of Wiley M. Ellis

Joe Ellis Wiley Ellis J.T. "Tobe" Ellis

SILAS LUCAS PETITION

Contributed by Charles Clement Lucas

It has been reported that Silas Lucas served in the Civil War for the CSA. He was a ? private in the North Carolina Infantry from 1862-1865. (1890 Census- Union Veterans- which included both sides of the war.) The actual service of Silas Lucas in the Civil War is questionable. Also the correct date of birth of Silas Lucas is in doubt. See the following legal documents.

State of North Carolina
Wilson County
To the Honorable R. M. Saunders, Judge of Superior Court of Law and Equity for the State of North Carolina:
The petition of G. W. Blount, attorney for Silas Lucas of Wilson County respectfully therewith shewith that Silas Lucas having been constituted as one of the senior reserves and being over 50 years of age at the time of the passage of law of the Confederate Congress of February 17, 1864 conscribing men between 45-50 years of age- delayed applying for his exemption until after the reserves were ordered to camp. Then he did by affidavit supported by concurrent evidence that his said application was received by the district enrolling officer for the 2nd Congressional District of North Carolina and he (was) sent to camp notwithstanding with the argument that he had no authority to discharge him. That he is still being held in custody as subject to military duty by Capt. E. W. Furguson, Commanding Senior Reserves of Wilson and Halifax Counties- contrary to the constitution and Laws of the Confederate States.

The petition therefore prays that your Honor may grant unto him the writ of Habeus Corpus to be directed to the said Capt. E. W. Furguson commanding him to have the said Silas Lucas before your Honor at such time and place as will said the convenience of your Honor-that the facts may be inquired into and relief afforded according to law.

Your petitoner will ever pray.
G. W. Blount, Attorney

10 Sept. 1864
T. C. Davis, Clerk of Court and Com. of Affidavits

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State of North Carolina
Wilson County
Personally appearing before me Elisha Barnes an acting Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Mrs. Milly Campbell who maketh that she is over 60 years of age, that her brother Silas Lucas is several years her junior, that there is no family record in existence but she has frequently heard her mother and the mother of Andrew J. Cook say there was about four weeks difference in the ages of her brother Silas and said Andrew J. Cook.
Milly X Campbell (her mark)

Known to Subscriber
before me
Sept 12th 1864

E. Barnes JP

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I certify that the signature of E. Barnes Esq. subscribing to the written affidavit of Milly Campbell is genuine and that he is act mag at the time of signing the same an acting Justice of the Peace of Wilson County.
In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal of office Wilson
Sept 14, 1864
T. C. Davis
CC
Wilson C Court

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State of North Carolina
To: Capt. E. W. Furguson
Commander of the Reserves of Wilson and Halifax
Being informed by the foregoing petition and affidavit that you have in your custody one Silas Lucas of Wilson County contrary to law (as he says) you are therefore commanded to have the body of Silas Lucas before me at Wilson on the 16th day September 1864 together with the cause of his arrest and detention.
Hence fail not.
September 12, 1864
H. W. Saunders
Justice Supreme Court

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(*Silas Lucas*, *continued from page 64)*
To R. M. Saunders
Justice Supreme Court
In obedience to the above writ to me directed I herewith return the body of Silas Lucas and state that the occasion of his detention by me is that he was sent me as able to do duty in the reserve corps by the Enroling Officer of Wilson County and having no proof of his age myself have had no authority to discharge him.
E. W. Furguson
Captain Commanding Senior Reserves
Wilson and Halifax Counties

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Having considered the affidavits attached to the petition I am opinioned that the petitoner ..... is in excess of fifty years of age. He is discharged but having no record of ...his age.. he shall be required to pay his own costs.
This record shall be filed with the Clerk of Court.
Superior Court furnished with a copy.
CC
R. M. Saunders
Justice Superior Court

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Based upon the above documents-if they are correct-Silas Lucas would have been born prior to 1814 thus his date of birth on his tombstone would be in error.
The correct date of birth should be before 1814-not 1819.

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The above documents were found by Sue Evans Powell at NC State Archives, Raleigh, NC
Misc. Records- 105.928.10

LEWIS THOMAS TO DANIEL (or DAVID) EVANS LAND TRANSFER

Transcribed by Sue Evans Powell

South Carolina Know all men by these present that I Lewis Thomas of the State of North Carolina and _____ County for and in Consideration of the Sum of three hundred Dollars to me in hand paid by Daniel Evans of Waine County & North Carolina the receipt whereof I __ hereby acknowledges have granted bargained sold and released & by these presents do grant bargain Sell and release unto the said Daniel Evans a certain tract or parcel of land containing two hundred and ten acres more or less being part of a tract of Four hundred acres originally granted to Austin? Manly the twenty seventh day October Anno. Domini Seventeen hundred and Eighty Eight bounded N. E. by the State Line of South & North Carolina, N. W. by Edmond Brown's land, S. W. by the Channel of Panther Creek, S. E. & S. W. by lines running & marked, S. 65 W & N. 49 W. By Duncan McLeaks land ... To have and to hold all and Singular the said two hundred and ten acres of land more or less unto the Said Daniel?David Evans his heirs and assigns forever together uith all and Singular the rights and ? memturs? heredetements and appurtenances to this Said premices belonging or in any wise incident or appertaining, & I the said Lewis Thomas do bind myself & each & every of my heirs Executors or administrators the Said two hundred and ten acres of land (more or less) unto the Said Daniel?David Evans his heirs and assigns to warrant & forever defend against the claims of myself & my heirs and against the claims of myself & my heirs and against the claims of all and every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the Same or any part thereof

In witness whereof I have sett my hand and Seal to these presents this twenty third day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & fifteen & thirty ninth of american Independence
Paul Way Lewis Thomas
David Evans

State of South Carolina Personally appeared before me W^{m} Fields one of
Marlborough District the Justices of the Court for said District Paul Way who Duly made affirmation that he was present and Saw Lewis Thomas Sign Seal and as his act and deel deliver the written Instrument of writing to Daniel/David Evans for the use and purpose therein mentioned and that himself and David Evans in the presents of each other witnessed the due Execution thereof

Affirmed to & Signed Paul Way
Before me this 19nd
Day of March 1816

William Fields J. P.

[Editor's note: The handwriting on this document was such that the Evans name could have been Daniel or David, and the county of residence of Lewis Thomas was illegible. An attempt for clarification from a Marlboro County web site produced no response. Your editor would be appreciative of assistance from anyone who has further knowledge of this record.]

ROSELLE TAYLOR STEVENS

Funeral Register of Wootten and Stevens, Undertakers of Wilson, North Carolina, November 18, 1896—June 27, 1899

Edited by Hugh Buckner Johnston, 1977

[Editor's Note: This is part three of a series that began in the April 2004 *Trees of Wilson* and will continue until all the burial records included have been published.]

The story of this family and its association with Wilson probably begins in Connecticut, although many of the immediate family of Edmund Hamilton Stevens (July 11, 1810-June 9, 1853) lived in the vicinity of Syracuse, New York. On June 10, 1840, he married Sarah Ann Elizabeth Hamlet (October 31, 1821-November 12, 1886) of Virginia. Family tradition indicates that Edmund Stevens was a master carpenter who supervised the building of depots for the Wilmington and Weldon Rail Road around the year 1840.

He may have settled in the vicinity of Wilson as early as 1844, and the Edgecombe County Census of 1850 described him as a "steam saw miller." On February 24, 1853, he paid James J. Taylor $400 for a half-acre "in the Town of Wilson" adjoining John W. Farmer and John O'Callaghan on Barnes Street and running "East with the Old Meeting House" for 35 yards and away from it for 75 yards; witnessed by John W. Farmer and William Tomlinson. Already in declining health, he made a will on March 24, 1853, in which he left everything to his widow Sarah for the benefit of herself and her children; witnesses were James J. Taylor and Larry D. Farmer.

By April 1, 1859, Sarah A. E. Stevens owed five notes with a total value of $1,688.83 and was forced to mortgage as their security the lot on Barnes Street adjoining John O'Callaghan, Dr. A. S. Cotton, and W. D. Rountree, in addition to her slaves Anica, Frances, and Lorenzo; witnessed by George Howard, Jr. On January 31, 1860, she agreed with O'Callaghan on a dividing line beginning on Barnes Street 108 feet from Goldsboro Street and running to the lot David Pender bought from George Howard, Jr.; also, for $75 she agreed with Alexander S. Cotton on a line with the lot that he had bought "a few weeks ago" from W. D. Rountree in the corner of Barnes and Spring (now Douglas) Streets beginning 124 feet from the corner of the same and running perpendicularly from Barnes Street "to the back line of said Cotton's kitchen & wash lot," granting him everything on the S. W. side of the line; witnessed by George Howard, Jr.

Edmund and Sarah Stevens had six children, of whom she outlived all except one, the subject of the last part of this sketch. The 1860 Census of the Town of Wilson listed her and Roselle Stevens with real and personal property valued at $6,000. Her eldest son, William Virgil Stevens, may have been up North at the time, but he was back in Wilson by April 18, 1861, to enlist in the Wilson Light Infantry" under Captain Jesse S. Barnes. This organization was mustered into Confederate service at New Bern, with Stevens holding the rank of Corporal, on June 28, 1861. He was promoted to Sergeant by December of 1862, and to 2nd Lieutenant on February 21, 1863, in Company F, 4th North Carolina State Troops Regiment, C. S. A. This popular young soldier was killed at the Battle of Chancellorsville on May 3, 1863.

Children of Edmund and Sarah (Hamlet) Stevens:

1. William Virgil Stevens was born March 31, 1841, and died May 3, 1863.
2. Sarah J. T. Stevens was born September 22, 1843, and died November 21, 1870. On September 1, 1859, she married Amos Gray Ruffin (1844-October 10, 1870), son of Gray and Nancy Bailey Ruffin. He was a cabinet and coffin maker, and obviously taught the trade to his young brother-in-law at his shop in the S. E. corner of Barnes and Spring Streets. He was probably the Gray Ruffin who served as a private in Company I, 17th N. C. State Troops Regiment, C. S. A.
   a. Adaline E. Ruffin was born June 22, 1861, and died May 10, 1879.
   b. Virgil T. Ruffin was born October 28, 1863, and died September 25, 1866.
   c. William H. Ruffin was born January 13, 1866, and died September 14, 1870.
3. Adaline E. Stevens was born and died on August 26, 1846.
4. Roselle Taylor Stevens was born June 4, 1848, and will be discussed later.
5. George W. C. Stevens was born February 6, 1851, and died July 13, 1953 [Sic.].
6. Edmund Hamilton Stevens, Jr., was born August 18, 1853, and died June 18, 1855.

Roselle Taylor Stevens was born on June 4, 1848, and died on July 24, 1906, in Wilson. On October 29, 1874, he married Martha Ann Hackney, daughter of Willis Napoleon Hackney and wife Martha Douglas Turner. She was born on January 10, 1856, and died December 18, 1891, in Wilson. Only two of their seven children survived infancy. On October 11, 1893, he married secondly Sarah Mallion Cooper who was born on June 20, 1865, and died April 17, 1952. They had two children, (1) Martha Olivia Stevens was born on December 8, 1894, and married on August 9, 1924, James Radcliffe Roberts (died July 10, 1932); and (2) Roselle Ashley Stevens who was born on September 8, 1897, and died on September 30, 1989.

R. T. Stevens was small in stature, somewhat stout, and very popular in business and social circles in Wilson. He and his wife were communicants of the Methodist Church and resided at 305 W. Greene Street. He made his will on November 26, 1904, and it was probated on August 4, 1906: (1) wife Mallion C. Stevens, use of the house and lot on Greene Street adjoining W. W. Simms ("the R. P. Watson house and lot"), gift of all the residue, and guardian of daughter Martha; (2) daughter Sarah E., wife of George L. Morgan, a third of the sale of the house between their home and Mrs. C. C. Smith's lot, and a reversional third of the home; (3) daughter Ella H. Stevens, the same two thirds, $150 in money, the parlor furniture and her bedroom furniture, and the selection of her own guardian; (4) daughter Martha O. Stevens, under ten years of age, the same two thirds, and $600 in money; (5) "my one-half interest in ... the firm and business of Wootten, Stevens & Co. shall be settled up, sold, and converted into cash," with the proceeds being divided equally among his wife and three daughters; (6) friend and executor John F.

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Bruton; and (7) witnesses: John D. Gorham and George T. Stronach.

It was because of the terms of the will of Roselle T. Stevens that the Quinn-McGowan Furniture Company succeeded the Wootten & Stevens Company. On January 7, 1907, Ella H. Stevens (who became the second wife of George Lafayette Morgan) sold to his first wife, Sarah E. Morgan, for $2,150 her undivided half of the lot "well known as the Stevens home place" in the corner of Green and Spring Streets adjoining Hackney Brothers; witnessed by John F. Bruton. The family relationships can be determined easily from the following list of the children of Roselle and Martha (Hackney) Stevens:

1. Emmie Douglas Stevens was born July 31, 1875, and died April 3, 1880.
2. Ellen Gertrude Stevens was born on December 19, 1877, and died January 2, 1878.
3. An infant son was born and died on May 24, 1879.
4. Sarah Elizabeth Stevens was born on September 8, 1880, and died of influenza on January 17, 1919. She married George Lafayette Morgan, a native of Nash County and longtime business man and resident of Wilson.
   a. Pattie Stevens Morgan was born May 24, 1906, and married Raymond Harley Gaston.
   b. George Lafayette Morgan, Jr. was born on June 8, 1909, and married Frances Elizabeth Thompson.
5. Annie Stevens was born May 2, 1883, and died May 15, 1883.
6. Georgia Stevens was born November 2, 1884, and died November 21, 1884.
7. Ella Hackney Stevens was born November 16, 1885, and died August 3, 1972. She became the second wife of George Lafayette Morgan, but had no children.

Hugh B. Johnston, Jr.
September 6, 1977

FUNERAL REGISTER OF WOOTTEN AND STEVENS—PART THREE

- Bennett, Jesse James: Wilson. Colored. Died August 30, 1898, aged 3 months, length 2' 4". Cost $2.50. Billed to Mary Bennett. (Page 315)
- Bennett, Sylvia: Wilson, colored. Died January 27, 1899, of dropsy, length 6', wife of Smith Bennett. Cost $21.35. "Was a good colored woman." (Page 412)
- Bennett, Westa Ann: Below Saratoga. White. Died June 26, 1899, aged 48 years, wife of Sandy Bennett, length 5'9". Cost $25. Dr. Walton. Burial in home cemetery. (Page 498)
- Best, _____: Wilson. Colored. Died May 26, 1898. Cost $8.50. Billed to Oscar Best. (Page 259)
- Best, Edward: Wilson. Colored. Died May 29, 1899, aged 13 years of Paralysis, length 4' 9". Cost $14. Dr. C. E. Moore. Billed to Jos. S. Jackson. F. M. Davis paid $9. Funeral at Church. Burial in Oak Dale Cemetery. (Page 477)
- Best, Dr. Robert: Wilson. White. Died July 3, 1898, of consumption, length 6 feet. Drs. Moore and Anderson. Cost $68.50. Funeral in M. E. Church. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. "He was the first member buried by the Knights of Pythias in Wilson." (Page 284)
- Best, Sylvia: Wilson. Colored. Died May 17, 1897, aged 65 years, of consumption, mother of Ben Best. Funeral at home. Dr. T. B. Person. Burial in Oak Dale Cemetery. Cost $10. (Page 74)
- Bisset, Laura: Raleigh, N. C. White. Died February 5, 1899, aged 25 years, of Pneumonia, length 5' 9", sister of Frank Bissett and Charlie Bissett. Cost $21. Dr. N. B. Herring. Funeral in Methodist Church. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 418)
- Boswell, _____: Wilson Township. White. Died August 21, 1897, stillborn, length 2' 6", child of Jacob Boswell. Cost $2. Billed to John Boswell. (Page 121)
- Boswell, _____: Black Creek. White. Died November 3, 1898, aged 1 month 7 days, child of A. J. Boswell. Cost $3.50. Billed to J. W. Aycock & Co. Burial in Ed Exum Cemetery. (Page 372)
- Boswell, Cornell: Black Creek Township. White. Died November 25, 1897, aged 4 months of pneumonia, length 2' 6". Dr. Crocker. Cost $10. Billed to S. W. Boswell. Burial in home cemetery. (Page 172)
- Boswell, Jennie: Near Black Creek. White. Died October 16, 1898, Aged 30, in childbirth, length 5' 9". Dr. Hoover. Cost $5. Buried in old homestead cemetery. (Page 359)
- Boyett, Sally: Old Fields Township. White. Died January 3, 1899, aged 30 years, length 5" 9". Dr. Freeman. Cost $15. Billed to Robert Boyett. Funeral at home. Burial in Wiley Deans Cemetery. (Page 400)
- Boykin, _____: Child of John Boykin, of Wilson. Colored. Died November 18, 1896, aged 8 months; length 2' 9". Oak Dale Cemetery. Dr. A. Anderson. Cost $5.50. (Page 1)
- Boykin, Eva: Kenly. White. Died September 3, 1897, aged 8 months, length 2' 9", of "Rising in head," daughter of G. T. Boykin. Burial in Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Dr. Brady. Cost $8. (Page 127)
- Brantley, Helen: Nash County. White. Died March 5, 1899, aged 20 years of pneumonia, length 5' 6". Cost $10. Burial in Nash County. Dr. C. E. Moore. (Page 429)
- Brantley, Polly: Nash County. White. Died on October 7, 1898, aged 100 years, "Hurt on the foot," length 5 feet. Cost $15. Billed to J. R. Brantley. Burial in Perry Cemetery. (Page 351)
- Braswell, Evelina: Gardner's Township. White. Died December 23, 1896, aged 63, "Womb Disease," length 5' 6". Buried at Levy Hayes Cemetery. Dr. T. B. Person. Cost $18. Paid by sons D. C. Braswell and C. L. Braswell. (Page 12)
- Braswell, Martha: Elm City. White. Died May 26, 1899, aged 65 years, of paralysis, length 5' 9", widow of Callie Braswell. Dr. E. G. Moore. Cost $50. Funeral and Burial in Elm City Cemetery. (Page 472)
- Bridgers, James: Gardner's Township. White. Died February 18, 1898, aged 47 years, of dispepsia. Dr. W. P. Mercer. Cost $10. Buried in Cinda Everett Cemetery. (Page 210)
- Brownley, Lew: Cross Roads Township. Colored. Died

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March 24, 1899, aged 30 years, of consumption, length 5' 9". Dr. W. D. Crocker. Cost $2. Billed to Wilson County by order of G. D. Green. Burial in Ed Williamson Cemetery. (Page 441)

- Bruton, _____: Stillborn May 11, 1898, length 2 feet. Cost $3.50. Billed to J. F. Bruton. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 247)
- Bryant, Anderson: Near Wilson. White. Died November 2, 1898, aged 72 years, of paralysis. Dr. T. B. Person. Cost $15. Billed to David Bryant. Burial in James Tomlinson Cemetery. (Page 371)
- Bullock, Bennett L.: Old Fields Township. White. Died May 10, 1899, aged 1 year 3 months, accidentally, length 3 feet. Dr. H. F. Freeman. Cost $8. Billed to W. P. Bullock. Burial in Bennett Bullock Cemetery. "Little Bennett accidentally fell in a kettle of hot water and [was] scalded to death." (Page 461)
- Bullock, Gladiss: Wilson. Colored. Died October 10, 1897, of Brain fever, length 2' 11". Dr. T. B. Person. Cost $12.50. Billed to Will Bullock. Funeral at home. Burial in Oak Dale Cemetery. (Page 148)
- Bullock, Rose: Poor House. Colored. Died July 1, 1897, aged 41 years, of cancer, length 5' 6". Burial in Poor House Cemetery. Dr. T. B. Person. Cost $2. (Page 91)
- Bunn, Frank: Wilson. White. Died June 10, 1898, of dropsy, length 5' 9". Cost $7. Dr. T. B. Person. Billed to Rev. Thomas Bell, Episcopal Rector. Burial in Parker Cemetery. "Mr. Bunn was sick several months, was looked after and cared for by Mr. Bell, the Episcopal Minister, and was buried by him." (Page 270)
- Bunn, Osceola: Wilson. White. Died November 9, 1897, aged 5 years, of chills and fever, daughter of Richard Bunn. Cost $1.50. Billed to Wilson County. Dr. Person. Burial in Joe Lamm Cemetery. (Page 159)
- Bunting, James: Nash County. White. Died April 27, 1898, aged 2 years, length 3 feet, of spinal trouble. Dr. Whitehead. Cost $10. "Grandson of Joel Wells & Nephew of Mrs. W. W. Farmer." Burial at "Dukes, P. O." Cemetery. (Page 238)
- Burgess, Robert: Wilson. White. Died June 7, 1899, aged 20, "killed by accident at W. W. Simms & Co.'s Factory." Cost $20. Billed to W. W. Simms & Co. Drs. Jones & Herring. Burial in Rocky Mount Cemetery. (Page 479)
- Burnett, Augustus: Gardner's Township. White. Died January 10, 1897, aged 48, length 6' 3". Buried in Maplewood Cemetery. Cost $21. Paid by J. M. Burnett. "Found dead in the Woodard Warehouse on Sunday morning. Was Bro. to J. M. Burnett." (Page 19)
- Burriss, Lucy: Saratoga Township. White. Died September 12, 1898, aged 7 months, of "Bowell Trouble." Length 2' 6". Cost $4.50. Burial at Saratoga Church Cemetery. Billed to John T. Burriss. (Page 326)
- Bynum, Kinnard: Poor House. Colored. Died May 21, 1897, aged 23 years, of dropsy, length 6' 3". Dr. N. Anderson. Cost $2. Buried in Poor House Cemetery. (Page 77)
- Bynum, Lucy: Wilson. Colored. Died November 12, 1898, aged 75 years, of old age, length 5' 7", mother of Wright George Cooper and of Amos Bynum. Cost $10. Dr. W. P. Mercer. Burial in Oakdale Cemetery. (Page 374)
- Bynum, Willie: Wilson Township. Colored. Died January 28, 1987, aged 3 months, of cold and cough, length 2' 3". Buried at C. A. Young Cemetery. Cost $7.50. Bill to George Bynum. (Page 26)
- Campbell, Fanny: Near Wilson. Colored. Died August 25, 1897, of "Worms," aged 4 years 8 months, length 3' 6". Buried in Oak Wood Cemetery. Cost $3. (Page 122)
- Caraway, Mrs. W. P.: Greensboro. White. Died February 13, 1899. Cost $8.50. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. "Mrs. Carraway was a native of Wilson, had lived in Greensboro, N. C., for several years. Her remains was brought here and buried in Maplewood." (Page 423)
- Carington, Media D.: Wilson. White. Died December 15, 1898, aged 4 years, of burns, length 3' 6". Cost $2. Dr. Anderson. Billed to County Commissioners. Burial in John Batts Cemetery. (Page 390)
- Carpenter, Walter G.: Nash County. White. Died October 26, 1898, aged 17 years, accidentally shot, length 5' 9". Drs. Moore and Anderson. Cost $5. Billed to Mr. Carpenter. (Page 364)
- Cawthon, Archibald: Bailey Township in Nash County. White. Died July 7, 1897, of Rheumatism, aged 71 or 72 years. Burial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Cost $10. Billed to J. D. Farmer. (Page 97)
- Cherry, Flora: Colored. Died September 11, 1898, length 5' 6". Cost $20. Billed to Easter Cherry. Funeral at church. Burial in Oakdale Cemetery. "Flora Cherry was a member of the Burial Association and [was] buried by said Association." (Page 324)
- Christman, D. P.: Wilson. White. Died November 23, 1898, aged 59, length 5' 9", of heart failure. Dr. Nathan Anderson. Cost $46. Funeral and Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. "Was an old citizen and was chief of Police over 20 years, had been employed by the town for 28 years." (Page 382)
- Clark, Garland: Wilson. White. Died August 3, 1898, aged 17 years, of consumption, length 5'9". Dr. Jones. Cost $73. Billed to W. T. Clark. Funeral and burial in Maplewood Cemetery. "Sister to Mr. W. T. Clark, tobacconist. Her father died about 2½ months before she died." (Page 298)
- Clark, W. T., Sr.: Wilson. White. May 23, 1898, of cancer of the stomach, length 6 feet. Dr. Jones. Cost $71.50. Billed to W. T. Clark, Jr. Funeral and Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 256)
- Clayton, Lucy: Colored. Died September 23, 1897, aged 1 month 14 days, length 2 feet. Burial in Oakdale Cemetery. Cost $4. Billed to Richmond Maury & Co. (Page 140)
- Cohen, Green: Poor House. Died November 29, 1897, aged 50 years, of consumption, length 5' 10½". Cost $2.25. Billed to County Commissioners. Burial in County Cemetery; certified by "County physician." (Page 174)
- Colley, Frank: Black Creek. White. Died October 29, 1898, aged 30 years, of Bright's disease, length 6 feet. Dr. Hoover. Cost $7. Billed to J. R. Sauls. (Page 366)

WILL OF ELIZABETH ELLIS
Contributed by Sue Evans Powell

State of North Carolina
Wilson County

I, Elizabeth Ellis of the aforesaid county and State, being of sound mind, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament:

First.

My Executor, hereinafter named, shall give my body a decent burial, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my just debts out of the first moneys which may come into his hands belonging to my estate.

Second.

I give and bequeath to my sons, J. S. Ellis and J. T. Ellis, all my notes, due bills, accounts and choses in action and proceeds from same which I own, together with all moneys, cotton, corn and all other farm products which I may have on hand at the date of my death, the same to be delivered by my Executor within one year from the date of my death.

Third.

I give and bequeath to my Grandson Albert L. Ellis the bed and bedstead which I use together with one spring mattress, one bolster, one pair pillows and cases, one pair sheets and one pair rose blankets and also one counterpane.

Fourth.

I give and bequeath to my sons J. S. and J. T. Ellis one Invalids chair the same to be sold by my Executor and proceeds equally divided between them.

Fifth.

I give and bequeath to my Grand daughters, Bettie and Maude Johnson, all my household and Kitchen furniture not otherwise disposed of in this will, consisting of beds, bedsteads, mattresses and all bed coverings, sheets, pillows and pillowcases, bolsters and bolster cases, one bureau, chairs, tables, trunks, chests with all my wearing apparel, together with all stationery, books, pictures and picture frames, one clock and all provisions and Crockery of every nature and description on hand at my death. The same to be equally divided and delivered by my Executor.

Sixth.

I give and devise to J. S. Ellis and his heirs in trust for the sole use and benifit of William L. Shelton and his heirs to be conveyed by the said trustee to the said William L. Shelton and his heirs in fee-simple upon the arrival of said William L. Shelton at the age of twenty one years, the following described tract or parcel of land lying and being situate in Stantonsburg Township, Wilson county and State of North Carolina and bounded as follows towit: Beginning at a stake in the road at a ditch and runs S. & E. with the line of lot no. 4 to the line of lot no. 9, thence along the line of said lot no. 9 43 poles to a stake, thence N. & W. to the road, thence along the road to the beginning, containing twenty two acres more or less, it being lot no. 5 allotted to Martha Ellis in the division of the lands of J. R. P. Ellis deceased, and purchased by me from the heirs of the said Martha Ellis, deceased, by deed recorded in the registers office in Wilson county in book 22, pages, 121, 122, 123 and 124.

To have and to hold the same as trustee as above set forth.

Seventh.

My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate (if any) after taking out the devises and legacies above mentioned shall be equally divided and delivered to my sons J. S and J. T. Ellis to share and share alike.

Eighth.

I hereby constitute and appoint my son J. S. Ellis my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and every part and clause thereof—hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof, I, the said Elizabeth Ellis, do hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 2nd day of May 1895.

Elizabeth X Ellis seal
her mark

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Elizabeth Ellis to be her last will and testament in the presence of us, who at her request and in her presence do subscribe out names as witnesses thereto.

Jas. T. Graves
F. M. Moye

This will, together with the probate, was recorded and filed in Wilson County Superior Court on December 30, 1895. On January 2, 1896, J. S. Ellis filed with the court that the personal property and real estate of Elizabeth Ellis was "worth about *$675.00*, so far as can be ascertained at the date of this application, and that *J. S. Ellis, J. T. Ellis, Albert L. Ellis, Bettie Johnson, Maud Johnson & W^m L. Shelton* are the parties entitled under said will to the said property." J. D. Bardin, Clerk Superior Court.

OPERA HOUSE FOR WILSON

The Wilson Times, January 19, 1917

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

The Times is pleased to learn that Wilson is soon to have an up-to-date modern opera house, and that work on the building will be begun at once.

Dr. L. V. Grady a prominent physician of the Rock Ridge section has already seen the possibilities in buying and investing in Wilson real estate and is putting his money where he knows it will make him more.

Engaged in erecting a handsome office building he has decided to extend the building in order that our people may have what they have so long needed, a modern opera house; and therefore he proposes to build one here at a cost of $35,000 and stock to this amount will be raised.

Dr. Grady has already purchased the land just in rear of the office building he is now erecting from Mr. Ernest Nadal and Mr. C. C. Daniel. This will give him a building 60 feet wide and 110 feet deep, with an entrance fronting on Nash street thru the present structure.

Dr. Grady paid Mr. Nadal $3,000.00 and Mr. C. C. Daniel $25,000 for the land acquired from them.

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OPERA HOUSE ON THE WAY

The Wilson Times, January 23, 1917

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

The Times several days ago announced that Dr. Grady had purchased property in rear of his present office building now in course of erection for the purpose of extending the building in order to locate an opera house in this city.

The matter took definite shape last night when a meeting was held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce and some $10,000 worth of stock was subscribed by leading citizens of this city. We desire to congratulate Dr. Grady on his enterprise. This means that we will have an opera house so sorely needed in the city.

We are pleased at the way Dr. Grady is becoming identified with our city and its institutions. He is a very valuable man to have in any community. We trust our people will subscribe liberally to this enterprise, for Wilson can be made one of the best show towns in the state.

The following stockholders have subscribed to the enterprise: Dr. J. G. Grady, Mess. S. H. Anderson, F. N. Bridgers, J. S. Woodard, Jones Oettinger, W. W. Graves, E. L. Tarkenton, A. Patterson and L. J. Herring.

We learn that the Opera House will have a seating capacity of 1,000 and that it will so be constructed that it can take care of the largest scenic attractions as well as moving picture shows.

Around $8,000 has been pledged and it is planned to raise $30,000 worth of stock.

TO BE REMEMBERED!

If you wou'd not be forgotten,
As soon as you are dead and rotten,
Either write things worth reading,
or do things worth the writing.

Benjamin Franklin
Poor Richard's Almanac 1738

BREEDING PLACE OF VICE.

The Wilson Times, August 12, 1913

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

For sometime I have constantly been hearing from those who have visited it and from some of the best and most reliable negroes in Wilson, evil things of the moving picture and vaudeville show conducted on East Nash street. The actors are of the lowest moral type and their performances are generally of the same character. The lewd nature of these performances has sometimes evoked lewd and suggestive remarks from persons in the audience.

In this dimly lighted hall, a number of young negro school girls have begun their downward career, assisted by older young men wise in the ways of sin. These young men use this darkened show place to begin the downfall of these young girls and then lure them off to other places to complete the work while parents have imagined their children were visiting an innocent place of amusement. The smallest children also visit this breeding place of vice and then carry the suggestive songs and lewd remarks to the school and there retail [SIC.] the performances of the night before.

The proprietor of this resort has to employ a policeman to keep a semblance of order. Some of the best colored men in town are working up to the real nature of this place.

The downfall of their young children has been the fearful price of their awakening.

Even if these people are negroes white people have a peculiar duty to see to it that all negoes who desire to be decent have as good opportunity as possible. Certainly this place conducted as it is by a white man is ...a menace to the moral health of many children .... There can be no doubt about that fact.

I am asking the mayor and the town commissioners to investigate this place. I am confident that after the authorities hear the evidence, they will leave no step untaken to force this breeding place of crime to be a decent and wholesome place of amusement.

April 11, 1913.

CHARLES L. COON.

SAMUEL BRIDGERS

Hugh B. Johnston files

Samuel Bridgers, apparently was dead as early as 1783 in Wayne County, North Carolina. He married Mary _____ who survived him no later than 1785.

On April 7, 1785, the Wayne County Court recorded that "came Patence Cobb Widow of Stephen Cobb, Esq^{r}. dec^{d}. before Benjamin Fort and William Alford Esq^{rs}. Justices for said County and made Oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that near about Eighteen months last past she saw Mary Bridgers Widow of Samuel Bridgers dec^{d}. at the birth of a certain Negro Child called Jinny its mother named Jane the property of the said Mary Bridgers dec^{d}. take the said Child and give and deliver it to Martha Cobb daughter to Stephen Cobb as her Wright and property and to use it as such."[1]

[1] Wayne County, Deed Book 2, p. 57.

MINUTES OF MAY 2004 MEETING

The WCGS met on May 23, 2004 in the Stancil Building on Ward Blvd. with our president Carol Forbes presiding. After the greeting and registration Carol had some interesting hand outs on future meetings in our area. Two of interest were the Adams Reunion and exhibit to be held in Wayne County and A Day With Helen Leary which will be in Goldsboro on August 19, 2004.

We need flyers at the Archives in Raleigh and those will be sent. Joan Waddell has Hugh Johnson's records on the Barnes family completed and could possibly consider printing them.

It was decided that the summer social which will be the next meeting will be held at Stancil's with the arrival time to be at 6:30. Everyone is to bring a covered dish and plan to enjoy the fellowship and delicious food!!

Henry Powell gave a comprehensive financial report on the WCGS expenditures and income from January 1 of this year through May 25th. Calendar sales were $320.00 and the total publication income was $707.89. Dues amounted to $3187.53 and the total income was $5084.09. Total expenses were $4017.32, of which printing and reproduction were the major expenses.

We were asked to speak with the County Commissioners and request a full time librarian for the genealogy section of the library. It would be wonderful to have someone there for assistance especially when people from other localities use the facilities. The Commissioners meet at 7:00 p. m. on June 8th.

May is show and tell month at the Society. There were varied and interesting things for us to view including an old Methodist Hymnal with no music, a family ledger, old pictures, family death record, civil war buttons, medal and money. It was decided to vote on the most interesting presentation and a book was awarded to Wanda Lamm Taylor for her selection.

The meeting was adjourned.

Frances Roberson
June 3, 2004

(Ancestors in Context, continued from page 61)

newspapers of the area survive? What can they tell about the governmental and social activities of the area?

Look for maps and photographs—not just of your ancestors but also of the places that they might have been. Some wonderful photograph collections are indexed and searchable online.

The collection of North Carolina Archives and History contains approximately 250,000 photographs. One can search the Audio Visual and Iconographic Materials collection through the MARS database. (http://www.ncarchives.dcr.state.nc.us).

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has a photographic archive of over 400,000 images including 9000 pictures of 3500 North Carolinians. Researchers can view the list of names at http://www.lib.unc.edu/ncc/pcoll/02portraits/intro.html.

The Library of Congress's online catalog of the "Prints and Photographs Reading Room" can be accessed at http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/catalog.html.

The National Portrait Gallery has a nationwide database of American Portraits at http://www.npg.si.edu/.

"To understand the lives of our ancestors, we must see them as real people living in a particular place at a particular time. The biographical facts we discover about them must be "situated" in their own proper historical context. Only by executing an exercise such as this can we turn statistical facts about an ancestor into real live experiences that faithfully personalize and humanize the name to which we attach those facts." John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.

Other sources on methods to employ or sources for information:

•*Evidence, A Special Issue of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, vol. 87, no. 3, September 1999. The entire issue focuses on principles and standards for weighing historical evidence.

•*Putting Family History into Historical Context, A Special Issue of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly,* vol. 88, no. 4, December 2000. The entire issue focuses on researching the lives of ancestors, and narrating their stories, within the proper historical context.

•*Bringing Your Family History to Life through Social History,* Katherine Scott Sturdevant, Cincinnati, Betterway Books, 2000. Excellent instruction on researching ancestors beyond biographical statistics using oral tradition, family artifacts, public and private records, and published histories.

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President's Message

Hello Readers,

I hope you are enjoying these wonderful summer days. It's what we longed for during the cold dreary days of this past winter.

Christmas will be here again before we know it, and you can get an early start on your Christmas shopping. WCGS has a fine collection of books that would make excellent gifts. Take a look at the back of your *Trees of Wilson* for a complete list of books, maps, and miscellaneous items that we have to offer. These books and so forth will keep on giving for years to come.

I don't know what I would do without my copies. They are used daily for my research and to help others with theirs. A membership to WCGS would also make a wonderful gift.

Since the Wilson Co. Public Library is closed for renovations now, having research books in "my own library" is a big plus. Of course, my "library" is a far cry from WCPL's main library, and I will be happy when the work is completed so we can again use their resources.

When the library reopens, the genealogy collection will be in another temporary home, Room 114 in the new section. Some of the general books will be in storage, but all of the N. C. and county books, census and Wilson Daily Times microfilm will be available.

WCGS does not meet in July or August due to summer break. The next meeting will be September 28, 2004, at 7 p.m. at Durwood Stancil, Inc., 3425 Ward Blvd., Wilson, NC, across the street from Wilson Woods Apartments.

Have a great summer! See you in September.

Carol M. Forbes, President

MORE MICROFILM OF N. C. ESTATES RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN FROM STATE LIBRARY

With the final acquisition of New Hanover County reels, the State Library of North Carolina's Genealogical Services completes its collection of microfilmed North Carolina estates records available for loan TO NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS through their local libraries. These records, filed first by county and then alphabetically by name of the deceased and date of probate, have been microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah at the State Archives. There are NOT microfilmed estates records for the counties of Avery, Dobbs, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Swain, Tryon, and Vance.

North Carolina residents should see their local librarians to request interlibrary loan of this film. The State Library will continue to lend up to six (6) reels per request for each borrower. Name of county and surname must be provided. The loan period is one month. Borrowers should expect to receive the film within a week's time, depending on U. S. Post Office schedules and whether the reel/s is already out on loan. Guide to Research Materials in the North Carolina State Archives: County Records (11th revised edition, 1997; downloadable at http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/archives/arch/FindingAids/guide.htm) is not a reliable source to use in ordering these because many of these records have been microfilmed since its publication. It will, however, indicate the range of years of the original estates records available for each county so that the borrower can learn, for instance, that Anson County though created in 1750 has no surviving records in this record group until 1805. Listings of the estate folders for some of the North Carolina counties can be found on the State Archives online Finding Aid at http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/archives/arch/FindingAids/Estates.htm. At this time, the listings of names do not link to images of the actual documents but serve to indicate what decedents' folders exist for that county.

Out-of-state researchers may request loan of the microfilm of the North Carolina estates records through local LDS Family History Centers (to find a center nearest you: (http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHC/frameset_fhc.asp?PAGE=library_fhc_find.asp) purchased for a specific county or for a specific surname within that county at $12 per reel from Public Services Branch, Office of Archives & History, 4614 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N. C. 27699-4614 or contact by e-mail at archives@ncmail.net.

The addition of this microfilm significantly enriches the State Library's existing Core Collection of circulating North Carolina county records and federal population census schedules for our state.

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FAMILY CONNECTIONS—*WILSON DAILY TIMES*

THE TAYLOR FAMILY STORY—JUNE 2004

We have been asked for information on the Taylor family. It is not a simple task to lay out the history of this family and show how individuals of this surname came to be in Wilson County. This is a family with multiple origins and lines of descent, and the records we have available are not clear as to how each line descends or if any of the lines are connected. However, we will share the confusion with everyone.

The original story of the founding of the family name is historically interesting but probably somewhat exaggerated. According to legend, Julius Caesar, Roman General and later Emperor of the Roman Empire, was engaged in battle with the Gauls (today's French). Late one afternoon, his war party was surrounded by a horde of Gauls who outnumbered the Romans. Despite the odds, the Romans fought bravely to defend themselves. The leader of the Gauls was so impressed with Caesar's valor that he spared the lives of the Romans and let them go. Some months later, Caesar's troops surrounded a party of Gauls and recognized the kindhearted leader as having been the one who spared his life. Caesar made the young man an honorary Roman soldier (an unheard of honor) and gave him the right to bear arms, which meant a spear in those days. The young Gaul became known as talliaferro (spear carrier in Latin). His family prospered in Gaul, and many centuries later, one Talliaferro individual came to England with the Duke of Normandy to fight the Battle of Hastings which turned the Duke into King William I of England. Talliaferro was recorded as being the battle leader responsible for the triumph.

William rewarded Talliaferro with much land in England, much of it in the present county of Kent, in southeast England. Over the years, the family name became modified, first as Tolliver, then Tayliver, and eventually turned into Taylor. These are known as the Taylors of Pennington who descend from the Earl of Pennington, originally the Talliaferro of Conquest fame.

Other reference sources insist that the Taylor surname is purely an occupational surname derived from the profession of clothing maker. At any rate, it was and is a popular and widespread surname in Britain. Early Virginia records bear an accurate indication of this as there are numerous immigrants within the first 100 years of the colony that bear the surname of Taylor.

We can't document all that are listed but have chosen several families who may be ancestors of some the Taylor individuals now living in Wilson County.

James Taylor I (1615-1698) was born at the estate of Pennington about 20 miles from Carlisle in northwest England. He came to Virginia in 1635 and settled near the James River. He married twice (1. Frances Walker, 2. Mary Gregory). Taylor served as a Burgess (legislator) and local sheriff. He owned extensive lands and was prominent in the Colony. His signet ring has purportedly survived the centuries and remains within the family to this day (we don't know where). The crest on the ring was supposedly granted by an English King to an early Taylor for bravery during a wild boar hunt.

James Taylor I left 3 boys and 6 girls. James II migrated westward to Orange County, Virginia (the frontier in about 1700), where he married Martha Thompson, and they founded a dynasty which included two US presidents (James Monroe and Zachary Taylor). We have not located any North Carolina connection to this Taylor family.

Arthur Taylor (1708-1765), son of John Taylor, was born in Surry County, Virginia, and died in Edgecombe County, North Carolina. He

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MARIAH TAYLOR OBITUARY
Zion's Landmark, February 1, 1891

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Dear brethren and sisters of the church at Mewborn's, ...

Brethren and sisters, I have had a mind more or less to write to you ever since my wife died, ... and I thought I would never make the attempt to write to the church at all knowing that I was a very poor speller and writer, but on receiving a notice from brother Mewborn to give all the information I could, I will do the best I can, the Lord being my helper.

Mariah Taylor the wife of the writer was born in Wayne county, N. C., on the _th day of May 1840. She was the daughter of William and Charlotte Exum and grand-daughter of John Exum and also grand-daughter of Jesse Jones. She was married to the writer of this notice on the _ day of December 1859. She was the mother of fourteen children, eight boys, six girls, seven, three boys and four girls, preceeded her to the grave and died under one year old except one daughter who was twenty years and nine months old to a day when she died.

Sister Taylor died the 1st day of September 1890, she was a strong believer in the doctrine that is preached and held by the Baptists, Salvation by grace and grace alone, her desease must have been of the heart * * I will give a few of her symptoms about the 1st of August, it was night, I was asleep, when I woke up she was sitting up on the bed complaining, I asked her what hurt her. She replied, "I have the sharpest pain in my face I ever had in my life," it did not seem like she could live, I sent for the doctor at once but before the doctor came the pain had settled between her shoulders, when the doctor arrived he gave her some medicine and it seemed to afford her some ease, the third day he came to see her again he then said her disease was bilious, he gave her medicine and broke the fever, in a few days she was so she was able to get up and sit up some, when she was troubled with the pain at her heart and when they would wear off she would say, "these pains about my heart will be the end of me in this world" and I believe it was, she seemed as pert the night before she died the next day as she had been in sometime and said it may be I will get well again, but she had to go, her time had come to leave this world, * *

She was a wife to me, a mother to her children and a friend to her neighbors, always ready to oblige others when she could.

She professed a hope in the Lord Jesus Christ about six years before she died, and on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September 1888 she went before the church at Mewborn's and told a little of the dealings of the Lord with her poor soul and was received into the church and was baptised by Elder T. B. Lancaster with the writer on Tuesday following. She was always ready to go to her meetings when she could, when she was not able to go she would say, "I would be glad to be at Mewborn's to-day," it seemed like her whole heart's desire was to be with you all and would say, "I don't know whether the brethren and sisters love me or no, but there is one thing I do know, I love them and would say, "If I felt like they look to me what a happy being I should be, but it is not so, they look so good and I feel so bad."

Dear brethren and sisters, this is a mere sketch of the life and death of my dear wife. I cannot write it out as it is, if I have written anything amiss I beg the Lord to forgive me for I did not intend it

Dear brethren and sisters when it goes well with you pray for me that I may live in this world as a child should live and I will go to see you as often as I can.

Yours truly,
H. S. Taylor.

Kinston, N. C., Jan, 8th, 1891.

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*(**Taylor Family** Continued from page 74)*

had first moved to Isle of Wight County but was in Edgecombe by 1745. Arthur and his wife (Ann) had at least eleven children, including John, Wilson, William, Benjamin and Drury. Arthur left an extensive estate. It is probably fair to say that many local Taylor individuals descend from this family and particularly from Drury who moved to Nash County.

We have a copy of a family history for the Drewery [sic] Taylor line written by grandson, John Taylor in 1905 when he (John) was in his 80s. Here are some quotations: "Uncle Hardy Pridgen and his second wife moved to Pickens County, Alabama. ... Uncle Wiley Pridgen married Polly Smith and went to Harrison County, Texas, then to Dewitt County to the Guadaloupe River. ... Uncle John Taylor stayed in Nash County and raised a family of girls. ... Uncle Dempsey Taylor went to Alabama in 1838. My father, William Taylor married Hanna Dudley about 125 years ago. They settled in Todd County, Kentucky. ... My father was largely a drinking gentleman, a successful tobacco planter, deer and turkey hunter. He fought against the British in the War of 1812. ... His oldest son, my brother Wiley, was a successful tobacco planter. ... He raised a large family of 7 children. ... My father had seven brothers who lived to be grown—none of whom I've known to be drunk. ... The whole Taylor family so far as I know is of unmixed English stock." An addendum by a relative placed at the end of the document claims that some of the information is distorted by John's advanced years. He makes no reference to the family which remained behind in North Carolina, as he probably knew very little about them. John lived and died in Texas. It is of interest to note that John Taylor married a Bush, related to the current President of the U. S.

Another Virginia line which settled in Edgecombe is that of Etheldred Taylor of Surry County. His son, Samuel, moved to North Carolina, and his son, Harry, lived in Edgecombe County and had children who lived both there and in Nash County.

There was a Francis William Taylor living in Wilson County in the 1860 census who was the constable of the town. We have been unable to locate his origin. He had ten children who probably have descendants still in Wilson.

There was a Dr. Francis Taylor who immigrated to Surry County, Virginia, in 1669. We suspect there may be a connection but have not found it. We will continue the Taylor family in a later column.

Henry and Sue Powell

FAMILY CONNECTIONS—*WILSON DAILY TIMES*

The Strickland Family—July 2004

I have been trying to trace the Strickland part of my N. C. family. What information can you offer to help me?
O. Hawkins, Mississippi

It appears that Walter Strickland was the immigrant of interest to you and many Stricklands in our part of North Carolina.

Streceland was a Viking name, meaning pasture, dating from the 8th/9th centuries in northwestern England. The surname comes from the villages of Great Strickland and Little Strickland in Westmoreland in the county of Cumbria, the Lake District of England, which date from before 1200. This is the western part of the Yorkshire Moors, a windswept and barren country with the villages nestled in vales between the moors.

The Strickland family home is called Sizergh Castle and has been home to the Stricklands since 1239. The family castle remained in Strickland hands until the present day. The castle is now owned by the National Trust, but Stricklands still live there.

Sizergh Castle, near Kendal, Cumbria which dates from 1239, continuously occupied by Stricklands.

The castle was built by the Vaux family of Norman origin, who came to England with William I, the Conqueror. One daughter, several generations later married a William Strickland of Great Strickland in 1239. It is his offspring that still live at the castle. The name of the castle, Sizergh, comes from the old Viking name of the cow pasture (erg) of Sigaith which was the name of the property in the dark ages.

Sizergh went through considerable upheaval in the mid 1600s because of the Royalist sentiments of the family as supporters of Charles II. Sir Thomas Strickland (1621-1694) sold part of the estate, and it was later seized by the Crown in 1690. Sir Thomas' wife went into voluntary exile as governess to the Royal Children when the family of James II was exiled to France. The castle and estate were returned to the family after the Stuart problems were settled. The castle still has memorabilia of the Stuart connections, including the privy purse of Catherine, wife of Charles II.

We can only surmise that the Walter who came to Virginia was involved in the same family upheaval. Perhaps he was not as avid a supporter of the Stuart dynasty as his parents.

Based on the family history, we would guess that Walter of Virginia was a younger son of Sir Robert Strickland (1600-1671) who did much to reduce the family fortunes through his Royalist activities. Walter Strickland left Sizergh and came to Accomac County, Virginia (the Eastern Shore) in 1666 as a headright (paid passenger) sponsored by a Tobias Selvey.

There are no early records of Walter's life in Virginia. We presume that he was married and had one or more children, and his son, Matthew, crossed the Chesapeake Bay to settle in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, by 1678. Matthew and wife Elizabeth had 5 sons: Matthew, William, Samuel, Joseph and John and an unknown number of daughters.

Matthew, Jr. and wife Ann Braswell lived in Isle of Wight County, and had 10 children: Joseph, William, Sampson, Matthew, John, Sarah, Ann, Elizabeth, Jane and Jacob.

Samuel and Abagail Strickland also lived in Isle of Wight County and had 4 children; Stephen, Samuel, Joseph and Rachel.

William and Olive Strickland, also residents of Isle of Wight County, had 5 children; William, John, Joseph, Mathew, and Eamuel [?].

We have no further records on the last two sons, Joseph and John.

In the third generation, the family tree becomes quite complex as the numerous sons of Matthew, Jr., Samuel, and William migrated into North Carolina (and other locations), married and settled down to raise their families. We can find Stricklands that are descended from Matthew and these three sons in most eastern North Carolina counties. Nash, Johnston, Wayne, Edgecombe, Wake and Franklin Counties seem to be among the most popular.

Due to the vast number of offspring from these humble origins, it will not be possible to list all known descendents in this column.

This information has come from two sources: (1) "The Strickland Family of Virginia and North Carolina" file compiled by Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., 1961, which has been copied, bound, and shelved in the Wilson County Public Library (expected to reopen on July 26), and (2) "Sizergh Castle," The National Trust, 1997, in the personal library of these writers (purchased on a visit there in 1998).

There is a Strickland Family Association which might be of some assistance to anyone looking for specific connections. We have been unable to locate an internet reference to this group.

Henry & Sue Powell

ELIZABETH STRICKLAND BRIDGERS

Hugh B. Johnston Files

After the death of Noah Strickland, Sr., of Nash County, his widow Elizabeth married by the last of 1814 Josiah Bridgers of Franklin County and lived between Louisburg and Cedar Rock. She probably died in March, 1847. After her death her children (and grandchildren) inherited or otherwise disposed of her dower on the considerable landed estate of her first husband, Noah Strickland, Sr.

Her personal property was sold at public auction on April 19, 1847 (Franklin County, Deed Book M, pp. 194 and 198)

INQUEST INTO DEATH OF JAMES TAYLOR
Contributed by Grace W. Turner

State of North Carolina
Greene County

Be it remembered that on the 21st day of December AD. 1852, I, W. H. Horne one of the Coroners of said County attended by a Jury of Good and Lawful men, viz. Gray R. Pridgin, Isaac Edwards, Kinchin F. Aldridge, Thos. H. Sugg, Dempsey Edwards, Wm. F. Smith, Nathan Sauls, Henry Barfield, Henry G. Sugg, Hillary Vaughan, Wm. F. Edwards and Brittan Howell by me summoned for _____ purpose, according to Law, after being by me duly sworn and empowered at the house of James Taylor in the County and state aforesaid, did hold an Inquest over the dead body of James Taylor, and after enquiring into the facts, and circumstances of the death of the deceased, from a view of the Corpse and all the testimony that can be procured, the Jury find as follows, viz., That the deceased James Taylor died on the 20th Inst, in consequence of a blow, inflicted upon the side of the head, by one Turner Edmundson, with a Pistol, on Sunday Evining the 19th Inst. at the house of Starling Taylor, in the County and state aforesaid

And that the said Turner Edmundson from the best evidence to be obtained, did Leave the County of Greene on the night of the 19th Inst. for Texas where it is said his family reside

Gray R. Pridgen
Wm. F. Edwards
Isaac Edwards
Thos. H. Sugg
K. F. Aldridge
Nathan Sauls
Dempsey Edwards
Wm. F. Smith
Henry G. Sugg
Henry Barfield
Brittan Howell
Hillary Vaughan

Attest
W. H. Horne Coroner

Description of the Murderer,

Turner Edmundson is about six feet six inches high, stoops forward a little, hair and whiskers black mixed with gray- age, about forty five. Large Black Eyes speaks slow, and calmly under all circumstances his general appearance is calm ferocity.

Edmundson was born and raised in Greene County several years ago he moved to Texas where his family have since remained, he himself has been in California the passed five or six years up to a short time preceding the commission of the murder of Taylor,

W. H. Horne, Coroner

Encloseure: 1852, Dec. 21, Horne to Reid.

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Snow Hill Decr 21 1852

His Excelencey
David S. Reid,
Dear sir

Inclosed I send you a copy of the virdict of a Jury of Inquest held by me as Coroner over the dead body of James Taylor, late of this County, who it appears from the evidince Elicited by the Inquest was murdered by Turner Edmundson a returned Californian in a very horible manner, without any provication on Taylors part. The Citizins of this community are highly incensed at the atrocity of Edmundsons criminal conduct and desire that your Excelincey may offer the accustomed reward for his aprehension

Respectfully your
Very obt. Servt.
W. H. Horne

Enclosure: 1852, Dec. 21 Copy of Verdict of Coroner's Jury of Inquest held over James Taylor's body.

BENJAMIN F. TAYLOR, RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WILSON DAILY TIMES, March 11, 1914

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

On the ... day of February 1914, on motion made in the Recorder's court at Nashville, N. C., Judge Jacob Battle appointed T. T. Thorne, S. F. Austin and O. B. Moss as a committee to draw up resolutions of respect for the late lamented Benjamin F. Taylor of Spring Hope, N. C. to be submitted to the bar and public during March term, 1914 of the Superior court.

Mr. Thorne was acknowledged chairman of the above committee.

On Monday, March 9th, before his Honor W. M. Bond, judge presiding at the March term of court for Nash county, upon motion of T. T. Thorne, Wednesday, March 11th, 1914 at 12 o'clock was set apart to receive resolutions of respect by the committee and to hear remarks of appreciation by members of the bar.

In accordance with the foregoing preamble, we, the committee named above, desire to submit the following measures of appreciation and respect:

Benjamin F. Taylor was born in Nash county in the year 1864. His father was R. J. Taylor and his mother's maiden name was Miss Sallie Drake.

He started his educational career at Wilson and later entered the Wilson Collegiate Institute. He graduated from this institution with highest honors, being considered the brightest member of his class. After his graduation he read law under Senator John E. Woodard of Wilson, his father during the meantime having moved to Wilson. Later he read law at Chapel Hill and passed the examination for license in September term 1887 of the Supreme court.

He began the practice of law in Nashville soon after receiving his license. After entering Nash county for the practice of law he remained here and considered this county as his home, although he was always interested in the betterment and uplift of his native home.

In 1888 he married the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Sheriff Barnes of Wilson county.

In 1898 he left Nashville to make his home in Spring Hope, where he continued the practice of law till his departure from this earth.

He lent all of his energies for the welfare of his last home serving as mayor of the town and leading in movements for the growth of Spring Hope.

Mr. Taylor was, he thought, afflicted with rheumatism for several years previous to his death. It seemed to get worse several weeks before the end and he went to a Rocky Mount sanatorium for treatment. When he arrived at the sanatorium the doctors pronounced his trouble as acute Bright's disease. On Thursday, February 12th his case was decided to be hopeless and he was sent to the Moore-Herring Hospital in Wilson, where he died Friday night, February 13th at 10:25 from acute Bright's disease. Thus endeth the last chapter of a life filled with service and loyalty. Mr. Taylor died at the age of fifty years and had practiced law in Nash county more than a quaarter of a century.

B. F. Taylor had a most lovable disposition. He was kind, congenial and sympathetic and ever ready to forgive the faults in others. He was a most genial companion and brother in the practice of law. His intellect was one of the most brilliant in the county.

Although not without his faults (as none of us are), in the earlier years of his life; in his latter days he repented of his wrongs and completely reformed. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church in Spring Hope and attended all church services and the Baptist Sunday school regularly. He often spoke of his faults with deep sorrow and regret. Mr. Taylor leaves behind him to mourn his loss, his wife and one son, his mother and three brothers and four sisters, and all who knew him.

Be it resolved also:

First. That these resolutions of appreciation and the respect in which we hold him be spread upon the minute docket to be a lasting memorial of his one-quarter of a century of practice before the Nash county bar.

Second. That a copy of this tribute of appreciation be furnished the Graphic, a newspaper of Nash county to be published.

Third. That a copy be sent to THE WILSON TIMES, a newspaper of Wilson County, to be published and also a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

T. T. Thorne.
S. F. Austin.
O. B. Moss

[Editor's note: R. J. Taylor operated a corn and cotton gin and was also supervisor of farms for Alpheus Branch. He served as trustee of Wilson Graded School. He was a part time minister of the Disciples of Christ Church and a founder of the First Christian Church in Wilson. He became Superintendent of the church Sunday School in 1885. He was considered a good singer.

In the 1870 Wilson County census, he is listed in the Town of Wilson, next to the county prison. He was 37 years of age, a farmer/miller worth $25,000. Living with him were Sallie, age 30; Charles B., age 8; Benjn. F., age 6; Mary, age 4; and Effie, age 1. On the 1872 map of the town of Wilson, Bob Taylor's office is shown on Nash Street near the intersection with Tarboro Street.

In the 1880 Wilson County census, R. J. Taylor, age 46, steam miller, lived on Railroad Street in the Town of Wilson. Also living there were his wife, S. H., age 42; and their children Charles, age 18, at school; B. F., age 16, at school; Effie, age 7; Robert, age 5; John, age 2. Also living with them were James Drake, age 30, his brother-in-law and M. E. Drake, age 34, his sister-in-law.]

EARLY WOODARD LETTER

Hugh Johnston Files

Wilson, N. C., June 12th, 1856

Miss M. J. Woodard

Dear Sister:

I send you these novels to read and take care of for me, for I paid fifty cents apiece for them. It is worth that money to anyone to read. I will bring you some more when I come home. I have got old "Murrell the Robber." That is interesting to read.

Yours respectfully &c.,

John B. Woodard, Esqr.

LIST OF CITIZENS FAILING TO WORK STREETS

Minutes of City Council, Volume I
Wilson, N. C. 1850-1885

Transcription shelved in the Wilson County Public Library

1866 Page 1

List of White Citizens failing to work Street

George Arrington	absent with excuse
Henry Benton	absen " "
G B Ballinger	" " "
W[m] Bryant	" " "
M Bryant	" " "
J Baker	" " "
Red Bridgers	" " "
Jno Crafton	" " "
Lewis Cox	" " "
Thomas Clark	" " "
J B Clements	" " "
Henry Crafton	" " "
M Daniel	" " "
V B Davis	" " "
E Deans	" " "
E Eatman	" " "
_ Eatman	" " "
A. D. Farmer	" " "
J W Fryar	" " "
Sol Goodman	" " "
W. N. Haackney	" " "
R W Hines	" " "
A. J. Hines	" " "
E. T. Harris	" " "
Jas Hancock	" " "
H B Harrel	" " "
Jam Harrel	" " "
W H Hearne	" " "
Eugene Jordan	" " "
Knight T.	" " "
Lancaster J. W.	" " "
Lutts Jno	" " "
O Lipscombe	" " "
Lambarte Lewis	" " "
Murray Hugh	" " "
W[m] Murray	" " "
M[c]Bride	" " "
Mayo E. T.	" " "
Moye M T.	" " "
Nolly M B	" " "
C. L Burke	Thomas, J. J.
W Peirce	Taylor F. W
Pate R	Murringh
Rountree	Griffin Jo
Rountree W D.	Wooten P.
Rhodes H G.	Martin Mat
Sheppard	Sikes Chas
Stith B D.	Wilkins W
Prichard A.	

List of Colored Citizens failing to work on Streets

Richard Lindsey	absent on Rail Road
Laurince Smith	absent from Town
David Johnston	Brick Yard
David Simms	absent without excuse
James Wiggins	Brick Yard
Ellick Apaten	Gone to Laurinburg
Austin Bynum	absent without excuse
James Battle	Gone to New Bern
Henry Barnes	
Sol Barnes	Gone
Williard Bryan	Brick yd
Mack Joyner	Gone
David Johnston	Gone
Abram Hart	Gone
Emanuel Adams	Gone from town
Geo Farmer	out of town
Ellick Barnes	absent with excuse
W[m] Mayo	Same
Mose Farmer	absent with excuse

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED AND ORDERED TO BE PAID

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Wilson, N. C. 1850-1885

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Acct in favor of	P. R. Farmer	8 00
	Celia Batchelor	25 00
	W N. Hackney	16 00
	Weaver & Dunham	7 50
	O Lipscombe	34 55
	H D Patton	25 00
	J T. Barnes	232 92
	F. W Taylor	54 63
	Hart & Moye	10 00
	J Barnes colored	3 50
	Dew Farmer	1 00
	- Negro Brown	75
	J. T. Barnes	48 47
	R A Ellis	5 00
	Albert & Mundson	1 00
	S. M. Warren	3 25
	G W Blount	10 00
		486.57
	F. Hines	20 25
	Smith Knight	23 00
	Daniel Vick	50
		530 22

RICHARD TAYLOR

Hugh B. Johnston Files

On June 8, 1762, Richard (R) Taylor of Northampton County, Planter, sold James Green of Edgecombe County for £15 current Virginia Money 100 acres south of Tar River at the mouth of Horse Pen Branch (granted to Richard Baley on April 2, 1745), witnessed by Arthur Taylor, Robert (R) Baylle, and Isaac (x) Starling. (Edgecombe County, Deed Book 2, p. 339)

DEATH IN COLONIAL TIMES

From *Society in Colonial North Carolina* by Alan d. Watson

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Death in the colonial period occasioned great sorrow among family and friends as it does today. Of course, death was more frequent and life expectancy shorter due to ignorance of personal hygiene, more primitive medicines, and less advanced medical practices. This did not mean that personal grief was less intense but that people were more accustomed to the loss of life.

Whereas some persons perished quickly from disease and accidents, others lingered in sickness and pain before their deaths. In 1772 a twelve-year old orphan boy in Edgecombe County, Hardy Maund, remained ill for twelve days before succumbing. During that time expenses mounted for his two attendants, doctor, candles, and "the Trouble of the House"—the equivalent of bills for nurses, doctors, utilities, and hospital expenses.

Funerals were often gay, festive affairs no matter how decorous they were intended to be. Private burials were illegal in the colony; the law required at least three or four persons to witness the funeral of a deceased person. Thus the funeral was a public occasion which provided a reason, or an excuse, for the colonials to escape the solitude of their rural ways and enjoy companionship. The guests rarely exhibited the reverence ordinarily associated with funerals. The firing of guns, neighborly altercations, and general chatter made silence unusual.

Since many who attended funerals traveled great distances, food and drink had to be provided to satisfy their hunger and thirst. At the funeral of Mrs. Francis Corbin an observer reported that vast quantities of pork, beef, and cornbread, plus a hogshead of rum were set out for the guests. The quantity of rum at Hardy Maund's funeral was so inadequate that a man had to be sent to Tarboro twice for additional refreshments.

The extravagance of a funeral usually depended upon the wealth of the deceased individual or his family. Young Maund, for example, had received a large inheritance from his father which his guardian was quite willing to spend for funeral charges. However, there were those who were unwilling or unable to bear excessive charges. Dr. Cosmos Farguharson (Farquharson) of Wilmington instructed in his will that he should be buried without coffin, prayer, or ceremony and that his entire funeral should not cost more than forty shillings. Cornelius Harnett later agreed. That famous revolutionary noted that "as I have ever considered expensive funerals as ostentatious folly it is my earnest request (and from my present circumstances now doubly necessary) that I may be buried with the utmost frugality."

Clearly the high cost of dying was a recognizable problem in the colonial era as it is today.

Mankind are very odd Creatures: One Half censure what they practice, the other half practice what they censure; the rest say and do as they ought.

Poor Richard's Almanac

FUNERAL REGISTER OF WOOTTEN AND STEVENS—PART FOUR

This continuing series began in the April 2004 issue of *Trees.*

[Editor's note: Lengths seem to be that of the coffin.]

- Conner, Bruce: Wilson. White. Died October 16, 1898, aged 4 years, of scarlet fever, length 4 feet, son of Judge H. G. Connor. Dr. W. S. Anderson. Cost $23.50. Funeral in Episcopal Church. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 360)
- Connor, John Hadley: Wilson. White. Died May 21, 1897, of dysentery, aged 1 year and eight months, length 2'11", "Son of Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Connor. First grandson of Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Hadley; also, of Mr. & Mrs. H. G. Connor." Funeral at home. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. Dr. Albert Anderson. Cost $32.35. Billed to J. C. Hadley. (Page 78)
- Cooper, Etta: Nash County. White. Died October 2, 1898, aged about 10 years, because of bowels, length 4' 6". Dr. E. G. Moore. Cost $10. Billed to Bob Cooper. (Page 345)
- Cooper, Rachel: Wilson. Colored. Died August 7, 1898, aged 65 years, of old age, length 6 feet. Cost $2.25. Billed to County Commissioners. Burial in Green Lasiter Cemetery. (Page 297)
- Corbett, [*Lizzie May*]: Wilson. White. Died October 2, 1898, aged 1 year 2 months, of teething, length 3 feet, child of Wiley Corbett. Cost $13.50. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 347)
- Cox, Nellie: Wilson. White. Died February 28, 1898, aged 21 years 6 months, of consumption, length 5' 9", daughter of B. B. Cox. $46. Billed to Sallie Cox. Funeral at home. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 214)
- Craig, _____: Little Richmond [Pender Street area]. Colored. Died December 20, 1896, length 5' 9". Buried at Colored Cemetery. Dr. Albert Anderson. Cost $20. "Was shot on Sunday night said to be by negro Albert Tucker." (Page 11)
- Cresmore, _____: Wilson. Died July 1, 1897, of Jaundice. (Page 92)
- Crocker, _____: Lucama. White. Died September 22, 1898, aged 7 months, length 2' 6". Cost $10. Billed to Dr. W. D. Crocker. (Page 337)
- Crosland, Mabel: Wilson. Colored. Died January 8, 1897, length 4 feet, aged 4 years 10 months, burned accidentally. Dr. Albert Anderson. Buried Colored Cemetery. Cost $8. Paid by Joseph S. Jackson. (Page 18)
- Culpepper, H. C.: Wilson. White. Died August 21, 1898, aged 1 year 3 months, length 2' 9", son of Cicero Culpepper. Dr. Albert Anderson. Funeral at house. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. Cost $14. (Page 307)
- Curlin, James: Wilson. White. Died July 24, 1897, length 5' 9", dropped dead. Cost $24.00. Bill rendered to Larry Farmer. "He was a Carpenter and had been in bad health for 2 years." (Page 108)
- Daniel, Delma May & Daniel, Deviart Stone: Nash

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County. White. Died June 14, 1898, aged 5 months, of "trouble peculiar to children," length 3 feet, "twins of Mr. & Mrs. David Daniel." Dr. H. F. Freeman. Cost $15. Billed to J. C. Hadley & Co. (Page 274)

- Daniel, (Mrs.) Mollie: Near Wilson. White. Died April 29, 1898, of spinal trouble, length 5' 10". Dr. Albert Anderson. Cost $30. "One extra large coffin. On act. of her size, we had to make one very large size 27 in. X 5 ft. 9 in." "Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Woodard senior & widow of G. T. Daniel; sister of Jno. E. Woodard, Calvin & Warren Woodard; mother of Mrs. R. J. Grantham." (Page 240)
- Daniel, Penelope: Near Wilson. White. Died April 18, 1897, of Consumption, aged 30 years, length 5' 6", wife of G. B. Daniel. Dr. N. B. Herring. Funeral at house. Burial at Thomas Perry Cemetery. Cost $41. "Funeral was preached by Mr. Edgerton, a Quaker from Wayne." (Page 59)
- Daniel, Willie: Wilson. White. Died September 25, 1897, aged 77 years, length 5' 9". Dr. N. Anderson. Funeral in M. E. Church. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. Cost $118.50. "Born March 1820." (Page 141)
- Daniel, Zilpha: Near Rountree's Bridge. White. Died December 13, 1897, wife of Josiah Daniel, length 5' 9". Dr. W. S. Anderson. Burial in Jacob Daniel Cemetery. Cost $20. (Page 181)
- Darden, Elephair: Wilson County. White. Died September 12, 1898, aged 30 years, suddenly. Cost $15. Billed to William Darden. Burial in Jacob Daniel Cemetery. Dr. Hoover. (Page 325)
- Darden, Olive Oleta: Wilson. Colored. Died April 6, 1898, aged 5 months 11 days, of bronchitis, length 2' 6", daughter of Charlie and Diana Darden. Cost $8. Dr. Williams. Funeral and Burial in Oak Dale Cemetery. (Page 228)
- Davis, _____: Near Wilson. White. Died March 8, 1897, aged 2 months, length 2' 6", child of Z. R. Davis. Cost $4.50. "Lived near the old Hadley homestead." (Page 44)
- Davis, Sarah: Johnston County. White. Died June 7, 1898, of paralysis, length 5' 6". Cost $10. Burial in home cemetery. Dr. Sewel. (Page 268)
- Davis, Susan Ann: Wilson. White. Died October 8, 1897, aged 52 years, of dropsy, length 5' 7". Burial in Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Dr. Albert Anderson. Cost $10. Billed to Fenley Davis. (Page 145)
- Daws, Betsy: Wilson County. White. Died June 23, 1899, aged 26 years, length 5' 9", "of the Effects of Pregnancy." Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $25. Billed to George Daws through John Pittman. Burial in Jesse Pittman Cemetery. "Mrs. Daws was the daughter of John Scott the preacher. She was just married to Bennett Bass." (Page 492)
- Deans, _____: Wilson. White. Died October 8, 1898, aged 3 months, length 2' 6", child of A. B. Deans. Cost $24. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. "Was never healthy." (Page 354)
- Deans, Barney: Near Wilson. Colored. Died February 8, 1898, of dropsy, length 5' 9". Certified by Bob Paschall. Cost $4.50. Billed [to] the J. C. Hadley & Co. (Page 206)
- Deans, Caroline: Nash County. White. Died November 22, 1898, aged 58 years, suddenly, length 6 feet. Cost $15. Burial in old home cemetery. (Page 380)
- Deans, George H.: Near Finch's Mills. White. Died October 5, 1898, aged 71, of paralysis, length 6' 4". Cost $10. Burial in his farm cemetery. (Page 350)
- Deans, Wiley: Old Field Township. White. Died December 2, 1896, aged 81, of fever, length 6' 3". Dr. N. B. Herring. Funeral at J. F. Farmer home. Burial at old homestead cemetery. "Was very old man, leaves wife and several children, was good citizen." Cost $105. (Page 6)
- Dempsey, Katie Lee: Near Wilson. Died April 12, 1897, aged 2 years and 4 months, of measles, length 3' 3". Buried in Jacob Daniel Cemetery. Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $12.50. "Mr. Dempsey is Section Master, Wilson Section, lives near Wilson on W. & W. [Railroad]. (Page 56)
- Denmark, Susan: Wilson. White. Died February 22, 1898, length 5' 6", sister of Mrs. P. D. Gold. Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $45. Burial in Goldsboro. "Was here on visit & died." Payment by G. K. Denmark. (Page 213)
- Dew, _____: White. Died March 14, 1898. Cost $3.50. Billed to Moses Dew. (Page 217)
- Dew, Edith: Taylor's Township. Colored. Died October 10, 1897, of consumption, aged 30 years, length 5' 9", daughter of Viah Dew. Cost $10. Billed to Wiley Dew. Buried in Bat Thompson Cemetery. (Page 147)
- Dew, George W.: Near Wilson. White. Died August 5, 1897, of apoplexy, length 5' 9". Cost $40. Dr. N. B. Herring. (Page 115)
- Dew, Mrs. George W.: Near Wilson. White. Died February 10, 1898, "sudden", length 6', sister of Frank Rountree and widow of G. W. Dew who died August 5, 1897. Cost $40. Burial in old homestead cemetery. (Page 207)
- Dew, Oscar Cornelius: Lucama. Colored. Died October 18, 1898, aged 10½ months. Cost $2.75. Billed to C. D. Dew. Burial in W. H. Lamm Cemetery. (Page 361)
- Dew, Sally: Taylor's Township. White. Died. April 17, 1897, of measles and pneumonia, aged 47 years, length 5' 9", widow of John Dew "who died several years ago." Dr. Albert Anderson. Buried in New Hope Church Cemetery. Cost $30. Bill to John Dew, Jr. (Page 58)
- Dixon, Burwell: Wilson. White. Died February 1, 1897, stillborn, length 2 feet. Buried at Bryant Barnes Cemetery. Cost $5. Paid by James Lipscomb. (Page 27)
- Drake, _____: Wilson. White. Died March 13, 1898, of heart failure, length 5' 9", wife of Dr. Drake. Cost $37.50. "Dr. T. B. Person & others." Funeral and burial in Maplewood Cemetery. Billed to Walter Drake. "Leaves several children, all grown." (Page 218)
- Dudley, Mrs. M. G.: Greensboro, N. C. White. Died October 9, 1898, aged 74 years, of paralysis and congestion of brain, length 5' 7". Dr. Albert Anderson. Cost $65.50. Funeral in Church. Burial at Greensboro. "Mrs. M. G. Dudley was a resident of Greensboro, was on a visit to her granddaughter, Mrs. Star, of Wilson." (Page 355)
- Durfrey, John: Wilson. White. Died October 1, 1897, aged 3 months, length 2' 6'. Dr. C. E. Moore. Buried in Goldsboro Cemetery. Cost $10. Billed to W. E. Durfrey. (Page 143)

STRICKLAND FAMILIES
Hugh B. Johnston Files

MARK STRICKLAND

Mark Strickland, son of Mark Strickland and wife Martha, lived in Nash County, North Carolina.

On December 10, 1814, Mark (X) Strickland of Nash County sold Sion Sanders for $300.00 a tract of 300 acres on both sides of Haw Branch, south of Tar River, adjoining Henry Horn, Brittain Finch, and Lee Horn, witnessed by Mathew Carter and Reuben (x) Bachelor. (Deed Book 9, p. 301)

OSBORN STRICKLAND

Osborn Strickland, son of Mark Strickland and wife Martha, lived in Nash County, North Carolina.

On June 10, 1799, John (x) Taylor sold Orshburn Strickland for £100 in Virginia money 160 acres south of Tar River, witnessed by Gideon Strickland and Mark Strickland. (Deed Book 5, p. 245) On May 29, 1810, Samuel Bryant of Jackson County, Georgia, sold Orsburn Strickland of Nash County for $200.00 a tract of 100 acres south of Tar River on Spring Branch adjoining Benjamin Bryant and Arthur Williams, witnessed by Gideon Strickland and Matthew Carter. (Deed Book 5, p. 251)

Children of Osborne and Martha Strickland:

1. Isaac Strickland married Elizabeth "Betsy" Jordan of Edgecombe County on November 6, 1828, bonded by Hiram Chamblee.
2. Dorsey Strickland
3. Hardy Strickland married Sally Strickland of Nash County on October 31, 1833, bonded by Gray Morgan.
4. Edward Strickland married Sally Williams on August 11, 1824, bonded by Henry Flowers.

ISAAC STRICKLAND

Isaac Strickland, son of Osborne Strickland and wife _____ _____, lived in Nash County, North Carolina. On November 6, 1828, he married Elizabeth "Betsey" Jordan of Edgecombe County, bonded by Hiram Chamblee.

Children of Isaac and Betsey Strickland:

1. Henry Osborne Strickland (See Later)
2. William Strickland
3. Caroline Strickland
4. Eliza Strickland
5. Mary Ann Strickland
6. Haywood Strickland
7. Lawrence Strickland

HENRY OSBORNE STRICKLAND

Henry Osborne Strickland, son of Isaac Strickland and wife Elizabeth Jordan, lived in Nash County, North Carolina. He married Celestia Baines on January 12, 1859.

Children of Henry and Celestia Strickland:

1. Charlie Strickland was born on January 15, 1860, and died without children.
2. Betty Strickland was born on September 9, 1861. She married N. B. Finch.
3. James Strickland was born on May 14, 1863, and died young.
4. Henry G. Strickland died young.
5. Leona Strickland was born on July 9, 1866. She married Dr. Matthews of Castalia, N. C.
6. Jodie Strickland was born on January 19, 1868. She married Jefferson "Jeff" Whitley.
7. Joshua "Josh" Strickland was born on April 7, 1870. He married Ella Dew.
8. Neeville L. Strickland was born on November 3, 1871. (See Later)
9. William "Will" Strickland was born on September 24, 1873. He married Myrtle Brantley.
10. Maddie Strickland was born on May 10, 1881. He married Minnie Dozier of Nash County.

NEEVILLE L. STRICKLAND

Neeville L. Strickland, son of Henry Osborne Strickland and wife Celestia Baines, was born in Nash County, North Carolina, on November 3, 1871, and died on July 9, 1943, at Nashville, North Carolina. On May 11, 1904, he married Cleora Batchelor, daughter of Van Buren Batchelor (son of Berryman and Charity Vick Batchelor, born on November 11, 1832, and died on November 29, 1902) and wife (married on March 15, 1868) Jackie Ann Bunting (daughter of James and Melany Bunting, born on August 13, 1838). She [Cleora] was born on April 22, 1878, near Nashville, and died in Nashville on November 22, 1921.

Their family Bible was printed in 1900 and in 1960 was in the possession of their daughter Helen Strickland Burnett.

Children of Neeville and Cleora Strickland:

1. Lucille Strickland was born on June 17, 1905. On October 1, 1932, she married Clarence Hugh Noah.
2. Nelle Strickland was born on May 2, 1907. On June 8, 1933, she married Carl Walter Blackwood who died on May 9, 1947. She married 2nd W. H. Von Eberstein.
3. Van Osborne Strickland was born on December 29, 1908, and died on April 18, 1918.
4. Leona Reeves Strickland was born on October 21, 1910. On December 4, 1944, she married Clifton Rhodes Cherry.
5. Jessie Strickland was born on August 25, 1912. On November 25, 1936, she married William Madison Corbette.
6. Helen Strickland was born on January 8, 1915. On December 28, 1935, she married Robert Trey Burnett, Jr.

HENRY R. STRONG
The Wilson Times, July 7, 1916

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Renewing Old Acquaintances

Mr. Henry R. Strong, editor and publisher of the National Druggist, was in the city today shaking hands with the few old friends remaining of the good old years that are gone.

It was just 29 years ago when he laid down his quill as bookkeeper for Rountree, Barnes and company and hiked out to the west to grow up with country, for though he has reached his majority and "then some" in his feelings Henry Strong is still a boy, and appears to be enjoying fine health.

TEDDER HERITAGE COOKBOOK

Sally Tedder Hill

Family cookbooks are valuable heirlooms for families to preserve their heritage. Family cookbooks provide ways to pass legacies of the past from generation to generation. Compiling family cookbooks are a lot of work but far worth the effort.

After *CLIPS OF THE PAST* was published and circulated in the fall of 2003, Mary Jean Tedder Scott navigated the project of compiling a family cookbook. Sisters Sally Tedder Hill and Yvonne Tedder Bass helped Mary Jean collect and edit 200 recipes and put together 70 photographs, poems, and a tribute to their parents Luke and Victoria Tedder. After hours of work and more work, *TEDDER HERITAGE COOKBOOK* was completed and in family members' hands by April 2004.

The *TEDDER HERITAGE COOKBOOK* was prepared as a keepsake for family and friends of the Luke C. Tedder family. Many of the recipes have been passed down from generations of mothers, grandmothers, and friends of the family.

Some of the treasured recipes include Victoria Tedder's Fried Okra, Ethel Tedder Shepard's Flour Bread, Bobby Benson's Washpot Brunswick Stew, and Mary Jean Tedder Scott's Box Lye Soap. Uncle Carlton's Chocolate Milk, Voido Bryant's Griddle Cakes, Josephine Bryant's Sunday Hot Bread, and Betty Ferrell Taylor's Sweet Potato Biscuits are among the many cherished recipes that bring back times of sweet family remembrances.

Crackling Corn Bread by Josephine Ferrell Bryant, Corn Fritters by Geneva Tedder Godwin, Fried Fish in an outdoor cooker by Billy Hill, Grape Hull Pie by Victoria Tedder, Chow-Chow by Sally Tedder Hill and Sweet "Tater Puddin" by Rachel Tedder Duke are sure to stir up heartwarming memories of yesterday's recollections.

*The TEDDER HERITAGE COOKBOO*K mirrors fond memories of good food and family times. A rich legacy and a noble way of life are expressed throughout the pages of the book. It is hoped that the recipes and stories enrich the lives of future generations.

Anyone interested in *CLIPS OF THE PAST* or *TEDDER HERITAGE COOKBOOK* may call Mary Jean Tedder Scott at 252 237-0948. If you prefer, you may browse through the books in the Wilson County Public Library and North Carolina Archives [or Genealogy Library].

CORRECTION:

The June issue of *Trees* has an error on page 66. Please make a pen & ink correction to your copy. **Rosell Ashley Stevens died on September 30, 1898.**

THOMAS F. CHRISTMAN, INVENTOR

Hugh B. Johnston Files

Wilson, N. C.
July 3rd 1861.

[Governor John W. Ellis]

Dear Sir

Allow me the honour of introducing to you my friend Thomas F. Christman Esq. who visits your city for the purpose of exhibiting to your excellency a model of an invention of his discovery. The best Judges here as well a myself think it may be a matter of great importance to our State and Southern Confederacy.

Joshua Barnes

The invention to which General Barnes referred was probably the marl-digger. Prior to this time, the high value of marl as a fertilizer was known in this area, but digging it by the shovelful from low swampy areas and transporting it by carts or wagons to be scattered over the fields had been a very laborious process. Christman's invention enabled the farmers to extract and load the marl at a considerable saving of time and money in the years preceding the development of a market for modern commercial fertilizers. Christman was born about 1802, probably in the Stokes County area, and was a millwright by trade. He came to Wilson from Salem about 1858.

"The implement was constructed, accordingly," wrote Turner and Bridgers, "for the purpose of raising marl from its bed or stratum, and resembled the derrick now used for heavy lifting. The machine worked well and did all that Christman claimed. The machine was successfully…

[Editor: The remainder of this text is missing. The 1850 Johnston Co. Census lists Thomas T Christman, 47, millwright; Grizza, 36; Robert, 20, carpenter; Sarah 16; Peterson, 12; Eliseph, 10; Indianna, 7; and Annastarsia, 4. Robert D. Chrismon married Mary A. Hinnant on Dec. 7, 1856, in Johnston County. Ephraim Watson married Elisiff Christman on Oct. 10, 1858, in Wilson County at her father's home.

The 1860 Wilson County Census lists, in the Town of Wilson: Thomas F. Christman, 58, millwright; Griszedy, 47; Indiana, 16; Annestania, 13; and Thomas, 6. James Evans married Indiana Christman on Jan. 13, 1861, at Wilson. D. P. Christman, son of T. F. and G. A. Christman, married Josephine Burnett, daughter of W. W. Burnett, on Oct. 24, 1871, in Wilson County at her father's home.]

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TRUNCATED AND SUPERSCRIPTED NAMES

Nicknames, Past and Present, by Christine Rose

Names that have been superscripted can be a puzzle. There can be several variations used for the same name. Some of the more commonly used versions follow.

Abig^{l}	Abigail
Ab^{n}; A^{ner}	Abner
Ab^{r}, Abr^{m}	Abraham
Ag^{n}	Agnes
Alex^{r}	Alexander
And^{r}	Andrew
Anth^{n}	Anthony
Arch^{d}	Archibald
Barn^{s}	Barnabus
Barth^{w}	Bartholomew
Ben^{j} or Benj^{m}	Benjamin
Ber^{d}	Bernard
Chas or Cha^{s}	Charles
Xs^{ter} or X^{er}	Christopher
Cath^{ne}; Cath^{n}	Catherine
Corn^{l}	Cornelius
Cyr^{n}	Cyrenus
Dan^{l}	Daniel
Dav^{d}	David
Deb^{r}	Deborah
Dom^{k}	Dominick
Doro^{y}; Dor^{o}	Dorothy
Eben^{r}	Ebenezer
Edm^{d}	Edmund
Edw^{d}	Edward
Eliph^{t}	Eliphalet
Eliz^{a}; Elizth	Elizabeth (note that Eliza, not super scripted, can be the given name and not shortened for Elizabeth)
Em^{l}	Emanuel
Esth^{r}	Esther
Eug^{ne}	Eugene
Ez^{r}	Ezra
Fra^{s}; Fran^{s}	Francis
Fred^{k}	Frederick
Gwen^{d}	Gwendolyn
H^{y}; Hen^{y}	Henry
J^{as}	James

President's Message

Hello Readers !

September is our first meeting back after Summer break. We will meet in Durwood Stancil, Inc. Sales & Service place of business at 3425 Ward Blvd., Wilson, NC. It's across from Wilson Woods Townhouse Apartments.

Sue & Henry Powell will be back from a trip to Ireland in search of his Irish ancestors and will give a program on their trip. The presentation will be the next best thing to being there in person. I look forward to hearing all about it.

I look forward to seeing you at the September 28, 2004, meeting. It starts at 7:00 pm. Come a few minutes early so we can visit.

See you there!

Carol M. Forbes, President

(Superscripted Names continued)

J^{no}	John		
J^{os}	usually Joseph/Josephus; watch for possibility of Josiah or Joshua		
J^{er}	Jeremiah		
Jr^{o}	Jerome		
Law^{r}	Lawrence	Theo^{s}	Theophilus
Lem^{l}	Lemuel	Tho^{s}	Thomas
Leon^{d}	Leonard	Tim^{o}	Timothy
Matt^{h}	Matthew	Tris^{tm}	Tristram
Mt^{g}	Montgomery	Wash^{n}	Washington
Nath^{l}	Nathaniel	W^{m}	William
Nich^{s}	Nicholas	Zach^{r}	Zachariah
Reb^{a}	Rebecca	Zach^{y}	Zachary
Sam^{l}	Samuel	Zep^{h}	Zephaniah

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SEPTEMBER 28 MEETING

Our next meeting will begin at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 28, at Durwood Stancil, Inc., 3425 Ward Blvd., Wilson. The building is located across from Wilson Woods Apartments.

Our bylaws specify that the nominations be presented at the September meeting and the floor to be open for additional nominations of persons who have agreed to serve if elected. The election will be held in October with those elected to begin their terms in January 2005. The following nominees will be submitted:

President: Carol Forbes
Vice-President: Sue Powell
Secretary: Frances Roberson
Treasurer: Henry Powell
Member of the Board: Wanda Taylor (for a 3 year term)

Wanda Taylor has been a member of WCGS since 1995. Although work prevented her from attending our meetings until this year, she maintained her interest in genealogy and WCGS activities.

Mary Anne Sheak and Judy O'Neal currently hold positions as Members of the Board.

The program will be presented by Henry and Sue Powell who will speak on Irish Genealogical Research. Using the search for the origins of Henry's great grandfather, Lewis Cox who came to Wilson County prior to 1860, as an example, Henry will demonstrate the methods that can be utilized and the frustration over the scarcity of records. Along with these discussions, they will show slides of their most recent trip to Ireland. The trip focused on the Irish Immigrant Experience and included visits to the probable Cox family home county, the Ulster American Folk Museum which illustrates life in 19th century Ireland, the shipboard conditions, and pioneer life in the United States, and the *Dun Broddy*, a reconstruction of a ship used for emigration from Ireland.

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FAMILY CONNECTIONS—*WILSON DAILY TIMES*

THE BYNUM FAMILY—AUGUST 2004

We continue this month with our inventory of Wilson County founding families, with this column devoted to the Bynum family.

When we conducted the research for this family, it became obvious that this is an entirely all-American family name. It does not exist in Britain or anywhere else in the world.

Readers with a good memories may recall that some Welsh family names developed by taking the father's given name and making it into a surname, usually by added some letters. My own name, Powell, derives from the ancient Welsh surname of Hywel (now spelled Howell). In Celtic languages (Irish, Welsh or Scottish), the son of someone may be designated as Mac, Map, or Mab, depending upon the country. So we have numerous Mac "somebodies" from Ireland and Scotland. In Wales, this prefix was treated a little differently. Map Hywel was awkward to say so over the years it became abbreviated to simply Powell, dropping the "ma."

The surname "Bynum" has much the same origin. The original Welsh root name was Enniaun, which still survives as Ennion, Eynon, Inions, Onions, Henion and similar variations. In the English counties adjoining Wales (Gloucestershie for example), it became popular to associate the Welsh "map or mab" (son of) with Enniaum, and this turned into Baynham. It is found by 1400 as ab Enion and eventually mutated into its final form. This was a widely used contraction which spread across southern England.

There was a John Baynham among the first settlers at Jamestown, but his fate is unknown. The Jamestown records were burned several times, and the earliest Virginia records that survive date from about 1650, having been preserved in the Surry County Courthouse across the river from Jamestown. Only a small handful of the thousands of Jamestown settlers left descendants; the probable number is somewhere around 150 whose blood lines are carried in the American gene pool today.

The first identifiable individual in this family in America was John Bineham of Surry County. As this name did not exist in England, one can only presume that the spelling was an invention of the clerk of the Surry County Court who wrote what he thought he heard. All court entries after that point refer to him as John Bynum. He seems to have arrived sometime before 1650, but we have no way of proving his arrival date. Based on his later court statement that indicated his birth date as about 1617, it would be fair to set an arrival time of around 1640 when John would have been in his early 20s, capable of the task of carving out a new home for himself in the wilderness. We know from his estate records that he was a farmer and not a very successful one at that. He seemed to exist at barely above the subsistence level. John married a woman named Rosamond. Some researchers think she may have been the daughter of neighbor, George Blow, based on John Bynum's land dealings with Blow. There is no evidence of the marriage, although their two sons, John, Jr., and James later lived on Blow's land which obviously suggests a family connection of some sort.

John, Sr., appeared in court in 1687 and pleaded that at his age of 70 years he was too old and infirm to pay tithes, clear roads or bear arms. He was exempted. The last court entry for John, Sr., was a claim against a neighbor who had killed a yearling cow. The jury awarded John 300 pounds of tobacco in compensation. Cash money was scarce, and tobacco was the "coin of the realm." John, Sr., died soon thereafter, leaving one calf, and two cows (one barren). He had about 100 acres of land which passed to John, Jr., and stayed in the family for several

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GEORGE RUFUS WEAVER AND CHILDREN'S OBITUARIES

Zion's Landmark, December 15, 1902

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

[Editor's note: The page from which this was transcribed was torn.]

By request of dear sister Annie Weaver I will try if the Lord will to write the obituaries of her dear companion and four of her children. George R. Weaver was born Oct. 16, 1859, and died May 11, 1901. He united with the church at the Falls of Tar River and was baptized by Elder P. D. Gold on the second Sunday in November 1894, where his membership remained until his death. His disease was pneumonia. The day before he died his oldest daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, was relieved of all her sufferings and was carried home to dwell with her Saviour forevermore. Sarah was born July 22, 1881. Her disease was typhoid pneumonia. She never united with any church, but we all have a good hope for her. She was a very industrious young lady and was loved by all that knew her. Dear reader, just stop and think what our dear sister passed through; her dear daughter carried from her a corpse and her best earthly friend passing away, and before night he was also a corpse, and two or three more of her children lying very low. The next day her dear little baby, Madie Lee, was taken from her by death, making three deaths in three days in succession. Sister Weaver says ___ she will never be able to ___ she passed through, but ___ the Lord's everlasting arm was beneath her, bearing her up in all her troubles. On the 2d of June 1901, Lessie May, another dear little girl departed this life. She was born Sept. 17th, 1895. She had whooping cough and several other diseases combined. Oh, how hard it is to give up our dear ones, but the Lord knows best, and works all things after the counsel of his own good will and purpose. Also Maggie Bell Luper, the daughter of sister Weaver, was born March the 6th, 1883, and died Sept. 29th, 1902. She was married to Mr. John Luper, the 4th, of December, 1901. She left a little infant son, two weeks old. It survived its mother two weeks, and the Lord knew it was best and took it to himself where it is now singing so sweetly with its little tongue, the heavenly song. I never saw man and wife more devoted to each other than John and Maggie were. He said they often told each other that they were soon going to part, but neither one wanted to be left. But the Lord's will must be done, and it was his will to take Maggie and leave John. He had a better place prepared for her where all of her sorrows are now over. Her mother said she never heard any one call on the Lord to have mercy on them so much as Maggie did. She asked her almost heart broken husband if he had ever seen the Lord Jesus Christ? He said no, have you? She said yes, I saw him last night. Her husband has since her death, united with the church at Pleasant Hill. He says he has viewed Maggie perfectly happy. We believe that she is at rest. She was a very good and kind woman, and we all miss her, but feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

Sister Weaver says that she has a good hope for all her dear ones that have passed away, and feels that she has been greatly blessed in all her losses and crosses, and wishes to be remembered by all the dear children of God. I have great sympathy ___ and truly hope the Lord will ___and comfort her in all ___ trials that await her in this life, and may he also comfort Maggie's bereaved husband, is my prayer. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints.

Love to all,

MATTIE LUPER.

Sharpsburg, N. C.

WILLIAM STALLINGS OBITUARY

Daily Times, February 29, 1916

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Mr. William Stallings who lives about ten miles from here, near the Nash county line died, and was buried in New Hope Churchyard yesterday afternoon. Mr. Stallings was a progressive farmer in his section, and leaves number of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

(***Bynum Family*** *Continued from page 74)*

generations.

There is little doubt that all the many Bynum individuals scattered across the United States today are descended from this John Bynum as he seems to be the only source of this particular surname. However, our interest lies mainly with Wilson County so we will follow his sons. John, Jr., moved to Bertie County, N. C. James married Eliza Mizzell and had three sons, William, James and John. We know that William moved to Edgecombe County, but there is no record of any descendants. James Bynum, b. 1691 in Surry County, married Agnes Nicholson, widow of Thomas Farmer, in 1724. We have chronicled, in an earlier column on the Farmer family, the ventures of James and Agnes who ran a public tavern in Surry and then migrated to North Carolina with the Farmer children (William, Thomas, James, Isaac and Elizabeth) in about 1732. The area in which they settled was then Halifax County and later became Edgecombe.

Some of the later Bynum offspring settled in Pitt and Greene Counties, but Turner Bynum and his wife Nancy Jenkins Bynum moved back to Wilson from Pitt County. Robert, Turner's son, settled near Toisnot Swamp in present Wilson County where he became a wealthy plantation owner. The home site still remains near the landfill on Tartts Mill Road, and Robert is noted in the first census of Wilson County with Elizabeth, his wife, and two daughters. Robert owned 42 slaves in 1860, and it appears that many of these took the Bynum name at the time of emancipation based on the 1866 marriage records of Wilson County.

General Joshua Barnes, a founder of Wilson County married, in 1843, Matilda Bynum, daughter of Turner and Nancy Bynum.

One of the Wilson "institutions," remembered by many, is the late Miss Ethel Bynum, teacher and principal and namesake of a public school. Both of these writers were treated to Miss Bynum's rigid educational practices (and were not harmed in the process). Sue can still recite some of the numerous poems and speeches that we were required to memorize. Henry remembers being annoyed with comparisons to his parents, both of whom were taught by her and, according to Miss Bynum, never did anything wrong.

Henry & Sue Powell

WAYNE COUNTY, N. C. INSOLVENTS, 1828

Wayne County, N. C. Tax Records. C.R. 103.604.1

Contributed by Grace W. Turner

List of Insolvents returned by C. R. Blackman Shff. of Wayne County for the year 1828.

Capt. Hamiltons District

Daniel Connor 1
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Capt. Coors District

Robert Gurley 1
Alfred Howell 1
William Jackson 1
Willie Jackson 1
Stephen Langley 1
Blake Langley 1
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David Spencer 1
Noah Stafford 1
John Toler 1
William Talton 1 11

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James Bunting 1
Elish Holland Jr. 1
John Lewis 1
Furnafold Langston 1
Cullen Langston 1
William Mitchell 1
Cornelius Mitchell 1
Ruben Thompson 1
Wright Taylor 1 9

Capt. Cooks district

Absolom Artis 1
Alfred Artis 1
Willie Bartlett 1
Micajah Blow 1
John Evans 1
Benjamin W. Ellis 2 poles
Stephen Evins 1
John Fulghim 1
Ford Hagans 1
Michael Peacock 1 11

Capt. Aycocks district

Abel Briley 1
Cullen Bradbury 1
Jason Cowell 1
William Evans 1
Needham Lamb 1
Everett Lamb 1
Matthew Lamb 1
William Row 1
Micajah Taylor 1 9

Capt. Reasons District

Sherwood Capps 1
Benjamin Flowers 1
Sanderford Flowers 1
William Freeman 1
John L. Gray 1
Alexander Lane 1
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Benja. Flowers 1
Sanderford Flowers 1
Wm. Freeman 1
John L Gray 1
Alexa. Lane 1
Joshua Newell 1
Hardy Reeves 1
Richard Roberts 1
George Reason 1
Ruben Thigpen 1
Hodge Walker 1 11

Capt. Smiths District

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Jerremiah Capps 1
Capps Jerremiah
Isaac Denning 1
John Fulgham 1
Pipkin Jourdan 1
Jourdan Pipkin
John Odom 1
Josiah Odom 1
Curtis Parnal 1
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Capt. McKinneys District

Charney Adams 1
Daniel Bennett 1
Laborn Benson 1
Alfred Bradbury 1
Abner Braddy 1
Henry C. Crawford 1
Thomas Crawford 1
John Crawford 1
James Dinkins 1
Everett Flowers 1
William Holmes 1
James Holmes 1
Micajah Howell 1
John Hill Sr. 1
Henry Jinnett 1
Thomas Johnson 1
John Killett 1
Daniel Millender 1
Thomas Miers 1
William Miers 1
Write Pipkin 1
William Pipkin 1
Benj. Rose Jr. 1
Lovent Stafford 1
Henry Stephens 4
Joseph Strickland 1
James Tadlock 1
John Wilson 1 27

EARLY OFFICERS OF MARSH SWAMP FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Excerpt from *Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Sims, North Carolina,* a history of the church, publication date not given (probably in the mid 1970's)

Contributed by Doug Wilkerson

Pastors

Joseph Sauls 1872
Daniel Davis
William Valentine
P. T. Lucas 1891, 1901, 1906, 1911
E. T. Phillips
J. H. Worley 1903
L. Troy Phillips 1907
D. A. Winborne 1911
C. O. Armstrong 1913-1914
Robert F. Pittman 1914-1917
Cyrus Johnson 1917
Ernest Poston 1918
S. H. Styron 1918-1923, 1926-1927
J. W. Alford 1923-1926, 1927-1934

Treasurers

H. W. Barnes 1910-1925
Sidney Fulghum 1925-1927
Fred Fulghum 1927-1931

[Editor's note: Both of these lists continue into the 1970's. WCGS will maintain the complete list in our files for reference should any reader have a question if specific other names are on the lists.]

1844 NASH COUNTY SCHOOL REPORT

Nash Co., N. C. School Reports 1844-1872

N. C. Archives, C.R. 069.926.1

Contributed by Grace W. Turner

FORM OF RETURN FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO SUPERINTENDANT.

State of North Carolina,

_____ County.

We, *David Winborn sr Irvin Boykin sr and Jesse Fulghum* School Committee of the 28th common school District in said County, do certify that the School of said District has been taught by *Hutson Finch and Jesse Fulghum* at the price of *$12.50 per month* for the term of *29 days* and that the following contains the number and names of the children in said District, designated as required by Act of Assembly:

[Editor's note: There were no entries in the column for "Number and names of all male children in the District over 6 and under 21" nor the column "Number and names of all female children in the District over 5 and under 21."]

Number and names of all the *male* children taught.	Time each male child was at School.	Number and names of all the *female* children taught.	Time each female child was at School.
1 John Q Winborn	16 days	1 Isley Winborn	22 days
2 W^{m} H Sullavent	16 "	2 Temperance A Boyette	18
3 Redin H Sullavent	21 "	3 Martha I Boyette	12
4 Raiford Fulghum	28 "	4 Harret Boykin	18
5 Benjam H Boykin	28	5 Martha A Winborn	6
6 James H Fulghum	1	6 Temperance Boykin	3
7 Gilford Boykin	19	7 Mary I Boykin	7
8 Ruffin Boykin	19	8 Penninah Fulghum	12
9 W^{m} F Boykin	17	9 Laney Boykin	8
10 Matthew Boykin	17	10 Luezar _ Boykin	5
11 Larry B Boyette	16	11 Elizabeth W Boykin	5
12 Rayman Eatman	15		
13 Gaston Baley	15		
14 Tho^{s} W Fulghum	13		
15 Garry Fulghum	20		
16 Robert Eatman	4		
17 Hopson Winborn	5		
18 Henry Morres	3		
19 Berton Eatman	3		
20 Woodard Boykin	12		
21 Tho^{s} Winborn	1		
22 Hardy Morres	3		
23 Rickman Boykin	3		

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Obituary of Sally A. J. Marlow

Zion's Landmark, July 1, 1890, No. 16

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Sister Marlow was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Marlow, and was born July 7, 1831. She joined the Primitive Baptist church at White Oak, Wilson County, N. C.; and was baptized by Elder Jesse Baker March 5th, 1876. She was taken sick on Saturday, March 15th, 1890, with congestive chills. She had two or three chills with La Grippe and indigestion. She was sick only six days when she left this world of trouble I hope to meet her God in peace.

She died March 21st, 1890. She leaves three brothers and one sister, and one son to mourn their loss, besides many other relatives and friends.

Sister Marlow was a good, faithful member of the church at Wilson when she died. She was a solid sincere christian woman and sought to do right.

The following written by her son and addressed to me well sets forth her manner of life:

"I think her mind was constantly filled with the blessings of God. If she ever heard any of us use any profane word she never failed to correct us, and I am sure she never missed a day or night that she did not read a chapter or more in the bible. She kept a testament in the kitchen, and when she was not busy with her cooking she was reading it. This she did from the time she was baptized until she was taken sick, unless when she was sick at other times. She often spoke of her love for you, and said that when she was sick to send for you in place of a doctor. She did not believe in doctors. As for herself she often said that Christ was the Great Physician, and if she got sick to send for the elders of the church.

J. R. Marlow."

Sister Marlow was of a sorrowful spirit, and bewailed the wickedness of the times, and loved those that fear God. She is no doubt taken from the evil of this world, and is forever at rest.

P. D. Gold.

THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS DIRECTORY FOR 1869

Edited by Rev. Levi Branson

Excerpt from *Business Directories of Wilson County, North Carolina*
Assembled by Hugh B. Johnston, 1976

WILSON COUNTY.

Population in 1860 9,720
County Seat—Wilson.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Clerk Superior Court	A. Barnes.
Coroner	H. W. Peele.
Commissioners:	Jas. Wiggins,
	Solomon Lamm,
	William Hinnant,
	N. D. Owens,
	D. W. Barnes.
Register of Deeds	Frank W. Taylor.
Sheriff	B. F. Briggs.
Surveyor	R. A. Ellis.
Solicitor 3d Dis.	J. V. Sherrard.
Standard Keeper	A. Farmer.
Treasurer	John Wilkinson.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.

Wilson, Church, C. C. Dodson,	Meth
Batts', Joyner's, Joseph Wheeler,	Meth
Mt. Zion, Joyner's, Jos. Wheeler,	Meth
Pleasant Grove, Wilson, M. J. Hunt,	Meth
Town Creek, Joyner's, Jesse Baker,	Prim. Bap
White Oak, Saratoga, Jesse Baker,	Prim. Bap
Church, Wilson, Jesse Baker,	Prim. Bap
Black Creek, ___, ___ Crumpler,	Prim. Bap
Wilson, ___, Wm. Hooper,	Bap
St. Timothy, Wilson, A. A. Benton,	Epis

HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.

Wilson Hotel, J. J. Lutts,
R. R. Hotel, Wilson, Pate & Farmer,
Boarding House, Wilson, T. B. Gilliam,
Bar and Restaurant, Wilson, W. C. Batts,
Bar and Restaurant, Wilson, B. D. Stith.

LAWYERS.

Barnes A., Wilson,
Blount George W., Wilson,
Lancaster Jas. W., Wilson,
Howard & Whitfield, Wilson,
Shepherd Jas. E., Wilson,
Singletary R. W., Wilson,
Woodard Jas. S., Wilson,
Dunham John W., Wilson,
Woodard & Murray, Wilson,
Murray H. F., Wilson.

MANUFACTORIES.

Coaches, Stantonsburg, Thos. Condon,
Coaches, Wilson, Parker, Murray & Co.,
Coaches, Wilson, Geo. H. Griffin,
Cabinet, Wilson, A. G. Ruffin,
Foundry and Agricultural Warehouse, Wilson, Farmer & Wainright,
Plow Manufactory, Wilson, E. T. Mayo.

MERCHANTS.

Armstrong Daniel, Joyner's Depot,	Grocer
Barnes, A., Black Creek,	Grocer
Borden & Carson, Stantonsburg,	G S
Bullock W. J., Wilson,	Liq
Blackwell & Harris, Wilson,	G S
Borden W. B., Stantonsburg,	G S
Carrow John, Stantonsburg,	G S
Clark E. G., Wilson,	Grocer
Crafton John, Wilson,	Grocer
Cobb Gray, Joyner's Depot,	G S
Christmas N. C., Black Creek,	G S
Farmer W. D., Joyner's Depot,	G S
Friar J. W., Wilson,	Liq
Gardner Thos., Saratoga,	G S
Gay & Tyson, Wilson,	G S
Griffin G. H., Joyner's Depot,	G S
Harris Wm., Wilson,	G S
Kincaid W. J., Wilson,	G S
Lamb Wiley, Wilson,	G S
Prosise, T. J.,Wilson,	Confec
Rosenthal E., Wilson,	G S
Rountree (M.) & Co., Wilson,	G S
Rountree Chas. J., Wilson,	Drugs
Stith B. B., Wilson,	Grocer
Strickland C. B., Wilson,	G S
Taylor Jas. J., Joyner's Depot,	G S
Taylor (R. J.) & Warren (S. M.), Wilson,	Commission Merchants
Thomas J. J., Wilson,	G S
Winstead Harris, Joyner's Depot,	G S
Wilkerson & Dunn, Stantonsburg,	G S
Winstead & Hardy, Wilson,	G S
Williams Mrs. ___, Wilson,	Miliner [sic.]
Wells John D., Joyner's Depot,	G S
Wiggins Jas., Wilson,	G S
Woodard S., Black Creek,	G S
Yelverton (R. S.) & Co., Stantonsburg	G S
Yelverton, Wyatt, Stantonsburg.	G S

MINISTERS.

Dodson C. C., Wilson,	Meth
Moran R. S., D. D., (P. E.) Wilson or Tarboro,	Meth
Benton, A. A., Wilson,	Epis
Baker J., Saratoga,	Prim. Bap
Crumpler ___, Black Creek,	Prim. Bap
Hooper Wm., Wilson,	Bap

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MILLS AND OWNERS.

Grist, Wilson, A. J. & G. W. Barefoot,
Grist, Wilson, R. H. Baker,
Grist, Wilson, Joshua Barnes,
Steam Saw, Wilson, Jno. T. Barnes,
Grist, Joyner's Depot, W. D. Farmer,
Steam Saw, Wilson, Wiley Lamb,
Grist, Wilson, Wiley Simms,
Grist, Wilson, Dr. Taylor.

NEWSPAPERS.

The Plaindealer, Wilson, C. S. McDaniel, Editor,
Zion's Landmarks, Wilson, L. I. Bodenheimer, Editor.

PHYSICIANS.

Armstrong Jas. H., Joyner's Depot,
Barnes, E., Wilson,
Brewer W. T., Stantonsburg,
Brewer W. S., Black Creek,
Barham R. G., Wilson,
Fuqua Jas. A., Wilson, Dentist
King R. W., Wilson,
Moore A. D., Wilson,
Peacock C. C., Stantonsburg,
Stith L. A., Wilson,
Tatem G. W., Wilson, Dentist
Winstead J. H., Wilson.

POST OFFICES AND POST MASTERS.

Black Creek, Mrs. H. C. Chrismas,
Joyner's Depot, G. H. Griffin,
Wilson, Mrs. M. C. Daniel,
Stantonsburg, ___ ___.

SCHOOLS.

Collegiate, Seminary for young Ladies, Wilson, Messrs. W. & J. DeBerniere, Hooper,
Wilson Male Academy, G. W. Arrington.

PROMINENT FARMERS.

Robert T. Bynum's, (Estate)	2,103 acres
Wiley Simms,	2,789
Wm. Thompson,	1,077
James D. Barnes,	747
Joshua Barnes,	2,140
L. D. Farmer,	782
Rheuben Bynum,	988
Wm. C. Ellis,	958
Wm. Felton,	933
Richmond Boykin,	908
Joshua Peel,	730
Henry Stall,	749
John P. Bordin,	925
A. G. Brooks	944
A. J. & G. W. Barefoot	2,460
Larry Newsom,	2,450
James Newsom,	944
Stephen Woodard,	1,223
James R. Barnes,	1,741
Wm. T. Taylor,	1,000
George C. Sugg,	764
James J. Taylor,	1,145
Isaac Lamb,	718
R. H. Baker,	1,278
Wiley Lamb,	922
Mohola Barnes,	730

SURFACE—Level, sandy and generally rich—very productive when well drained and cultivated—well adapted to trucking.

STAPLES—Cotton, Corn, Sweet Potatoes and Naval Stores.

WILSON MARKET PRICES

***The Wilson Times*, Friday, April 17, 1896**

Contributed by Richard Barnes

THE WILSON MARKET
Corrected Weekly.

COTTON.

Good middling.	7⅝
Strict "	7½
Middling "	7⅜
Strict low "	7¼

MEAT.

N. C. Hams, Fresh	8
" Shoulders "	6
" Sides "	6
" Hams smoked	10
" Shoulders "	8
" Sides "	8
Clear ri_ sides	5¾
Breakfast strips	12½
Sausage all pork	10
" mixed	10
Beef steak	10
" roast	8½
" stew	5

FLOUR.

Patent	$5.00 per bbl.
Straight	4.25 " "
Clear	3.75 " "

OATS.

Seed	40
Feed	35
Irish potatoes,	seed $1.75 per bbl.
Meal	60 cts. Bushel

SALT.

Meat	224 lbs sacks		$1.15
Coarse	110 "	"	50
Dairy	56 "	"	40

Molasses 20 to 30 cts gallon

Lard 8 to 10 cts gallon

VINEGAR.

N. C. pure	30 cts gal
Northern	25 " "

SUGAR.

Granulated	$5.81 bbl.
Brown	5.20 "

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Best ___	30 cts per lb
Extra ___	20 " " "

FUNERAL REGISTER OF WOOTTEN AND STEVENS—PART FIVE

This continuing series began in the April 2004 issue of *Trees.*

[Editor's note: Lengths seem to be that of the coffin.]

- Eatman, Pearson: Wilson County. White. January 29, 1898, aged about 40, length 5' 9". Cost $15. Burial at Ruffin Eatman Cemetery. Billed to A. P. Branch. "Mr. Eatman was killed in a row at Tom Lamm's, night of January 28/98." (Page 200)
- Edwards, Manda: Wilson. White. Died April 11, 1898, of typhoid fever, length 5' 9", sister of Mrs. H. C. Jackson who died March 21, 1898, of fever. Cost $47.75. Funeral in Baptist Church. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. Drs. C. E. Moore and A. Anderson. (Page 231)
- Edwards, Sallie: Wilson. White. Died February 10, 1897, aged 7 months. Buried in Maplewood Cemetery. Cost $7. (Page 40)
- Ellers, Charlie H.: Wilson. White. Died October 23, 1897, aged 1 year 7 months 15 days, of indigestion, length 2' 9". Dr. Albert Anderson. Cost $6. Billed to Charlie Ellers. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 153)
- Ellers, George R.: Wilson. White. Died June 9, 1899, aged 1 year 5 months, of "Bowel Trouble," length 2' 9". Dr. W. S. Anderson. Cost $6. Billed to Charlie Ellers. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 485)
- Ellis, _____: Near Wilson. Colored. Died February 7, 1898, aged 21 days, length 2 feet, great-grandchild of Hilyard Ellis. Cost $3. (Page 205)
- Ellis, (Mrs.) Ella: Wilson. White. Died December 5, 1898, aged 31 years, of consumption. Dr. B. T. Person. Cost $10. Billed to Grant Foster. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 387)
- Ellis, (Mrs.) F. Rebecca: Near Saratoga. White. Died June 21, 1897, of "Nervous Trouble," aged 58 years, 5' 9". Funeral services at grave in old homestead cemetery. Dr. Albert Anderson. "The deceased was the widow of Capt. William C. Ellis and mother of Mrs. James E. Clark." Cost $110.50. (Page 88)
- Ellis, Gertrude: Wilson. White. Died August 18, 1898, aged 1 month, of spasms. Cost $9.50. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. Billed to J. H. Ellis. (Page 305)
- Ellis, Hickman: Wilson. White. Died April 23, 1898, length 6 feet. Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $21.50 Funeral at home. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 235)
- Ellis, Mattie: Near Saratoga. White. Died June 8, 1899, aged 21 years, length 5' 6", of "Bowell Consumption." Dr. Walton. Cost $25. Billed to Himrick Walston on whose farm she lived. Buried in old Thigpen Cemetery. (Page 484)
- Ellis, Mirtle Lee: Wilson. White. Died August 23, 1898, of spasms, aged 1 month 7 days, length 2', daughter of J. H. Ellis. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. Cost $9.50. (Page 310)
- Ellis, Warren: Nash County. Colored. Died October 25, 1898, aged 25 years, of yellow chill, length 5' 9", son of Hilliard Ellis. Drs. Brantley and Williams. Cost $15. Funeral in Baptist Church. Burial in old homestead cemetery. (Page 363)
- Estridge [Ethridge], _____: Wilson. White. Died November 14, 1898, aged 25 years, in childbirth, length 5' 9". Dr. Albert Anderson. Cost $10. Funeral (Baptist) and burial in Nash County. (Page 377)
- Estridge, Phamey J.: Wilson. White. Died November 14, 1897, aged 61 years of "Nerviousness," length 5' 10". Dr. Albert Anderson. Burial at Lee's Chapel in Nash County. Cost $10. Billed to W. M. Estridge. (Page 164)
- Farmer, _____: Near Wilson. Colored. Died April 24, 1897, of a cold, aged 9 months, length 2' 4". Buried in James Woodard Cemetery. Cost $1.25. Bill to Charles Haggan. (Page 63)
- Farmer, _____: Nash County. White. Died August 1, 1898, aged 3 months, length 2' 6", infant of W. D. Farmer. Cost $10. (Page 293)
- Farmer, _____: Wilson. Colored. Died January 14, 1899, aged 3 months, of croup, length 2' 6''. Cost $5. Billed to John Wash Farmer. Burial in Oakdale Cemetery. (Page 406)
- Farmer, _____: Wilson. White. Died February 28, 1899, stillborn, length 2' 6'. Burial in Barefoot Cemetery. Cost $3.50. (Page 426)
- Farmer, _____: Wilson Township. White. Died April 12, 1899, length 2' 9', child of Joshua Farmer, son of Iredell Farmer. Cost $4.50. (Page 447)
- Farmer, Catharine: Wilson. White. Died February 26, 1899, length 5' 9". Cost $73.25. Funeral at home. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 425)
- Farmer, (Mrs.) Delpha: Taylor's Township. White. Died June 26, 1898, of cancer, length 5' 6", mother of W. W. Farmer. Cost $30. Burial at old home cemetery. (Page 281)
- Farmer, Hattie: Wilson. Colored. Died March 9, 1899, aged 22 years, of pneumonia, length 5' 9". Dr. Albert Anderson. Cost $8. Burial at Nashville, N. C. (Page 433)
- Farmer, Isaac W.: Wilson. White. Died December 28, 1898. Aged 67 years, of paralysis, length 5' 9", father of Larry Farmer and others. Cost $21. Funeral at home. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 396)
- Farmer, Mamie Paschal: Wilson. White. Died June 19, 1897, aged 19 years 4 months, of "Bowell Consumption," length 5' 5", daughter of Branch Paschal. Funeral in M. E. Church. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. Dr. J. E. Brothers. Cost $29.50. (Page 86)
- Farmer, Mark: Wilson. White. Drowned June 4, 1898, aged 17 years, length 5' 8", son of W. E. Farmer. Cost $47. Funeral in Baptist Church. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. "was drowned in Wiggins Mill pond 4 miles from Wilson." (Page 265)
- Farmer, Theresa: Wilson. Died July 15, 1897, aged 71 or 72 years, length 5' 6". Dr. Crocker. Burial in R. S. Williams Cemetery. Cost $10. (Page 101)
- Farrow, Annie: Stanton [sic.], Va. White. Died October 18, 1898, aged 19 years, after an operation, length 5'. Drs. Moore and Anderson. Cost $25. Billed to Moore and Anderson. Burial "at or near Stanton, Va." "this young lady came from Staunton, Va., to be operated on at Sanatorium and

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died from the effects of operation." (Page 362)

- Felton, Roscoe Robert: Wilson. White. Died May 24, 1897, aged 4 months and 8 days, of dysentery, length 2' 6", son of Frank Felton. Dr. W. S. Anderson. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. Cost $10.50. (Page 79)
- Ferrell, Delacy: Cross Roads Township. White. Died November 20, 1897, aged 34 years, of consumption, length 5' 9", wife of John W. Ferrell. Burial in Simon Newsom's Cemetery. Cost $15. "She was dying when Dr. [C. E.] Moore was called in." (Page 170)
- Ferrell, (Mrs.) Mahala: Nash County. White. Died April 30, 1899, aged 53 years 9 months 28 days, of consumption, length 5' 6", wife of W. Burt Ferrell. Cost $20. Funeral at home. Burial in home cemetery. (Page 455)
- Finch, Carrie A.: Near Wilson. White. Died November 6, 1898, aged 1 year 1 month, length 2' 6', child of Ed Finch. Cost $8. Billed to James E. Woodard. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 373)
- Finch, Pattie Anderson: Near Wilson. White. Died April 19, 1897, of measles and bronchitis, aged 1 year 8 months, length 2' 6", daughter of Arch Finch. Dr. Albert Anderson. Buried in Maplewood Cemetery. Cost $8. Bill to J. E. Woodard. (Page 60)
- Flora, _____: Near Wilson. White. Died September 10, 1897, born dead, child of Robert Flora. Burial in Thomas Robbins Cemetery. Cost $4. (Page 133)
- Flora, _____: Black Creek Township. White. Died September 18, 1898, aged 1 month 6 days, length 2' 4". Cost $7. Bill to John Riley. Burial in Jonathan Tomlinson Cemetery. (Page 332)
- Flora, Mourning: Wilson. Colored. Died June 6, 1899, aged 9 months, length 3 feet. Cost $3. Billed to W. H. Farmer. (Page 481)
- Flora, Myrta: Near Wilson. White. Died October 14, 1897, aged 4 years, of congestive chill, length 3' 6". Cost $4.50. Billed to E. F. Flora. Buried in Wiley Robbins Cemetery. (Page 150)
- Flowers, Minietta: Taylor's Township. White. Died February 6, 1899, aged 4 months, length 2' 6". Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $4.50. Billed to John Dew. Buried at old Taylor place. (Page 419)
- Flowers, Wiley Gray: Wilson County. White. Died January 26, 1898, aged 1 year 8 months, of German Measles, length 3 feet, son of David Flowers. Dr. N. B. Herring. Cost $10. Buried in old homestead cemetery. (Page 199)
- Forsythe, Anna: Cross Roads Township. Colored. Died September 7, 1898, aged 22 years, length 5' 9". Cost $15. Dr. Hoover. Buried in Cross Roads Township. (Page 323)
- Fort, Prony: Near Wilson. Colored. Died January 13, 1899, aged 65 years, length 5' 9". Cost $10. Dr. W. S. Anderson. Billed to Calvin Fort through Bun Barefoot. Burial in Wayne County. (Page 405)
- Freeman, James: Wilson. Colored. Died May 21, 1899, aged 29 years 2 months 10 days, of consumption, length 6 feet. Cost $10. Billed to Annie Tisdale. Burial in colored cemetery. (Page 469)
- Fulcher, L. H.: Wilson. White. Died May 12, 1897, of Bright's Disease, aged 52 years 1 month 15 days, length 5' 10". Funeral at home. Buried in Maplewood Cemetery. Dr. W. S. Anderson. "Married a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. T. S. Young; was the father of Miss Maud Fulcher who survives him." Cost $106.50 (Page 72)
- Fuller, Lillian: Nash County. White. Died August 5, 1898, aged 1 year 6 months, length 2' 9". Cost $10. Billed to Jos. Fuller. Burial in Fuller Cemetery. (Page 295)
- Gaffney, Andrew: Wilson. Colored. Died January 6, 1898, length 6'. Burial colored cemetery. Cost $10. Billed to brother William "Gotny." (Page 195)
- Gardner, Arkey: Near Wilson. White. Died April 5, 1897, aged 50 years, of consumption, length 6 feet. Dr. Drake. Buried in William Thomas Cemetery. Cost $9.50. Bill to Wilson Woodard. (Page 55)
- Gay, Adaline: Near Wilson. Colored. Died July 20, 1897, of whooping cough and fever, length 4 feet. Funeral at Ellis Chapel. Burial in F. W. Barnes (Moore) cemetery. Cost $3.25. Billed to Stephen Morriss. (Page 105)
- Gay, E. R.: Wilson. White. Died January 5, 1897, aged 31, of consumption, length 6' 3". Dr. N. B. Herring. Funeral at Episcopal Church. Burial at Maplewood Cemetery. Cost $69.50. "Son of W. M. Gay & husband of Mattie Branch Gay. Leaves wife and one child." (Page 16)
- Gay, Jane: Edgecombe County. White. Died March 4, 1899, aged 18 years, length 6', of meningitis. Dr. W. P. Mercer. Cost $25. Billed to Jarrett Webb. Burial at Jarrett Webb Cemetery. (Page 428)
- Gay, John J.: Wilson. White. Died February 8, 1897, aged 41, of consumption, length 6' 3". Dr. C. E. Moore. Funeral at Methodist Church. Buried in Goldsboro Cemetery. Cost $68. (Page 33)
- Gorham, Annie Lillian: Wilson. White. Died January 26, 1899, aged 14 years, of gastritis, length 5' 9", daughter of W. C. Gorham. Cost $72. Funeral at Mr. Reddick's home. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 411)
- Granger, Rhondal C.: Wilson. White. Died November 9, 1897, aged 9 years 1 month 1 day, of congestion of the lungs, length 4' 8". Dr. C. E. Moore. Burial at Wilson's Mills Cemetery. Cost $17.50. Billed to J. H. Granger. (Page 161)
- Green, Della: Wilson Jail. Colored. Died March 28, 1899, aged 33 years, length 5' 9". Cost $2.25. Billed to County Commissioners. Burial in Poor House Cemetery. "died in Jail charged with infanticide."
- Griffin, Martha: Wilson. White. Died August 1, 1897, of typhoid fever, aged 59, length 5' 9", sister of Nancy Griffin "who survives her." Dr. Jones. Cost $36.50. Buried in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 111)
- Grimmer, I. F.: Elm city. White. Died October 1, 1898, aged 53 years, length 5' 6", wife of Capt. W. L. Grimmer. Burial in Elm City Cemetery. Cost $50. (Page 346)
- Hardy, Thomas: Wilson. Colored. Died February 6, 1897, aged 55, length 6'. Dr. T. B. Person. Buried in Joshua Barnes Cemetery. Cost $10. Bill to G. C. Wells. (Page 32)
- Harrell, _____: Wilson. White. Died July 26, 1898, aged 1 year 9 months, length 2' 8", little son of Ephriam Harrell. Dr. Jones. Cost $10. Funeral at home. (Page 290)

HILLIARD THOMAS
Hugh B. Johnston files

Hilliard Thomas, son of Eason Thomas and wife Mary "Polly" Eure, was born in Edgecombe (now Wilson) County, North Carolina, in 1824 and died early in 1884. On December 19, 1843, he married Nancy (Thorne) Sharpe, daughter of Martin Thorne and wife Penny Todd, bonded by William (X) Thomas. On May 7, 1837, she had first married John Sharpe, bonded by Thomas Sharpe, but he died childless in 1842. She was born in 1820 and died in 1881. They were buried on their farm in a family graveyard still used by their descendants.

On November 10, 1845, Treadwell D. Thomas of Wayne County sold Hilliard Thomas of Edgecombe County for $140.00 a tract of 69⅓ acres on Cattail Branch adjoining Daniel, witnessed by James B. Woodard and Edwin Ellis.[1] On December 19, 1845, Eason C. Thomas of Tennessee sold Hilliard Thomas of Edgecombe County, by agent William Thomas of the latter place, for $69.66⅔ a tract of 34⅔ acres north of Cattail Branch adjoining Daniel, witnessed by James B. Woodard and Elizabeth A. Woodard.[2] On December 7, 1846, Orrin P. Daniel of Nash County sold Hilliard Thomas of Edgecombe County for $190.00 a tract of 66⅔ acres north of Cattail Branch adjoining Pocoson Branch and Lewis Todd, witnessed by James B. Daniel and Thomas T. Gill.[3]

On September 20, 1847, Willie Atkinson sold Hilliard Thomas for $511.87½ a tract of 204¾ acres east of Tossnot Swamp adjoining William Thomas, James B. Woodard, and Petway; witnessed by James B. Woodard and Levi M. Hays.[4] On February 23, 1852, John and Penina (x) Callaghan sold Hilliard Thomas for $250.00 a tract of 145 acres on Buck Branch (Lot No. 5 in the division of her father's estate), running S.E. 213 poles, S. 116 poles to the Tarborough Road, and along the said road to Buck Branch.[5] On October 15, 1853, Hilliard Thomas sold to Penny Lasiter for $242.00 a tract of 106¼ acres "on the Tarboro Road leading to Wilson adjoining Jas. B. Woodard's land," witnessed by James B. Woodard and David Sharpe.[6]

In the Edgecombe County Census of 1850 (p. 140) Hilliard Thomas was listed as a farmer worth $1,000.00. In the Wilson County Census taken on July 3, 1860, for Joyner's District, Joyner's Post Office, (No. 647, 642) Hilliard Thomas and wife were listed with six children and property valued at $8,760.00. On January 2, 1863, he enlisted as a private in Company H, 59th North Carolina (Cavalry) Regiment, C. S. A. In the 1870 Wilson County Census taken September 5, 1870, he was listed as household no. 111, 115, in Gardner's Township, with $2,500 real property, $850 personal property. He last appeared in the Wilson County Census of 1880 in Gardner's Township (Sheet 340).

On January 14, 1882, Hilliard Thomas deeded certain property to his sons and daughters as follows, to be enjoyed after his death: (1) Mary E. Sharpe, wife of W. G. Sharpe, 70 acres on Cattail Swamp and also 25 acres; they to pay him $100.00 annually; (2) John H. Thomas, 58 acres on Cattail Swamp adjoining Gill, and to pay $48.00 annually; (3) Martha A. Burnett, wife of J. M. Burnett, 91½ acres on Cattail Swamp adjoining Stancil, to pay him $48.00 annually, and at his death to pay $75.00 each to J. H. and W. H. Thomas if they accept the terms of this division; (4) Catharine Burnett, wife of A. C. Burnett, 73½ acres on Cattail Swamp, the Tarboro Road, and "the avenue leading to said Hilliard Thomas' house," and to pay $48.00 annually; witnessed by Hugh F. Murray.[7]

On March 31, 1884, the real estate of the late Hilliard Thomas was divided into five shares: (1) Wiley Gray Sharpe in right of his late wife Mary E. Thomas, 71 acres; (2) John Hilliard Thomas, 58 acres; (3) Eason Coburn Thomas, 83 acres; (4) Catherine and A. C. Burnett, 73½ acres; (5) Martha Ann and James M. Burnett, 91½ acres.[8]

Hilliard Thomas was somewhat eccentric, especially where pets were concerned. He once decided to tame a pair of buzzards, having found a nest in a swamp near the road. Before the young buzzards were old enough to fly, he got a couple of them into the road and drove them home in front of him. He got a pot of warm water and some soap and washed them, smelled them, and then washed them some more. Finally, in disgust he said, "I'll go to Nick if they don't smell worse now than when I wet them," and turned them loose to get back to the woods as best they could.

His pet coon was the talk of the neighborhood and got into all sorts of mischief that his master usually accepted with an indulgence not shared by other people. On one occasion the coon turned over a bottle of ink, got his feet wet with it, and then walked all over a clean counterpane belonging to Hilliard's sister. She took a broom and gave the coon a thrashing. At a corn-shucking Hilliard had a jug of whiskey in the corn-crib for refreshing the participants from time to time. The coon turned over the jug, pulled out the stopper and spilled half the contents on the floor, and then proceeded to lap up all that he could hold. He lay down by the jug "as limber as a rag" and slept until he finally sobered up.

On of the most amusing events happened after the coon was locked out of the house one cold snowy night. He usually came in when he was called before the family went to bed, and slept on the warm hearth. On the night in question he got home quite late, climbed a tree and walked out a branch to where he could drop on the roof of the house, came down the chimney, and left a wet sooty trail across the clean floor and between the white sheets on his master's bed. Words can hardly describe Mrs. Thomas's feelings when she found the coon peacefully sleeping there the next morning, but she said enough.

The coon eventually met a violent end. One day he climbed one of the oaks in the yard and refused to come down despite whistles and calls. Hilliard's anger mounted until he exclaimed, "Well, I'll go to Nick if I don't reckon I can bring you down," and he got his gun out of the house and shot the coon out of the tree.

Hilliard and his wife became estranged in his later years, she going to live with James and Martha Burnett, while he gave the homeplace to Wiley Gray and Mollie Sharpe on condition that they care for him the rest of his life. Because they once served him coffee in a cup that smelled slightly of kerosene, he conceived the notion that they were trying to poison him, so he went to live with his son John Hilliard. In this period of his life he brooded a great deal over real or fancied wrongs, confiding particularly in his cousin William

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BENJAMIN JOYNER LETTER

Hugh B. Johnston Files

(The following letter was written to John Simpson of Pitt County, North Carolina, by the Reverend Benjamin Joyner.)
[Editor: a handwritten note of "(U. of N. C. Library)" could mean that the original was found there.]

Georgia, Twiggs County) Dear Brother Simpson, Your letter of Last March has been Rec^{d}. by
June 18th 1818) me at Fort Hawkins. I am Truly sorry that You should have Trouble on my Account. You have no doubt heard of my propertys being Taken out of my hands but not how (as I was informd). They got a jury and Tryed to prove me A Lunatic. Upon this jury there was some that knew me and so they threw away the subject. On the latter part of Court the Order not being return'd they got a second jury who never saw me in their lives. 2 of them was An old cake seller and his son. They then carried their point, Sold of my perishable property. Such a waste of Property You Never saw. I may count my loss since I left Martin at 3000$

I have been the most fretted and as bad bellied as ever a man was. Miss^{r} Joyner Eternally inventing Devilishness and Assisting in belieing most Every person influenced against me. She will do nothing for me, not even make or mend my Cloathes. "I'll never be a wife for you, you D___l," and what not, so she may do as She pleases.

I am here in Georgia Keeping school. I expect to get $3 pr day next Quarter. Let me inform (you) that the Cannons have 600 dollars of my Money and I thought that the bank was paid off. I hope you will attach no blame to me for I should have paid the Bank Long before Christmas had it not been for them. I was glad that you had call me friend in your letter.

I must add A few words About this Land. The high Land here produces from 10 Barrels to 0, Riverland 20 Barrels. It is not so hot here as in N. Carolina. Negro men Clear 500$ apiece. The water is good. We have the sea breezs commonly in motion.

I shall be in Raleigh 1st November and then I will rite to you full Letter and I shall be glad to hear from you at that. We have a number of Baptist here. Elder Tharp is a fine man and Avises me to stay as long as possible and not go in till time to take my property, as my trials has made me do that I never thought to do. I shall carry recommendation from here and resume my Ministeral function, God being Willing.

Give my Love to Elder Biddle & his wife and all the Brethren who may Enquire after me. Tell them all the good they can do me is to pray for me. Though down I hope I shall rise.

I am yrs. until death,
BENJ^{E} JOYNER

*(**Hillard Thomas** Continued from page 82)*

Howell Thomas. One night he left the kitchen-house in the middle of supper, went to his room and sat down on the side of the bed with his gun, and shot himself to death before anyone suspected what he was about.[9]

Children of Hilliard and Nancy Thorne Thomas:

1. Mary Elizabeth Thomas was born February 10, 1845.
2. Eason Coburn "Eas" Thomas was born in 1847.
3. William Henry Thomas was born in 1849.
4. Catherine "Kate" Thomas was born in 1851.
5. Margaret "Maggie" Thomas was born in 1853 and died in 1876. She was the first wife of James Marion "Bud" Burnett but died before having any children. They were married on January 6, 1876, with Elder A. J. Moore officiating.
6. Martha Ann "Patsey" Thomas was born in 1855.
7. John Hilliard Thomas was born on October 18, 1858.

Foot Notes:

1. Edgecombe County, Deed Book 24, p, 21.
2. Deed Book 24, p. 76.
3. Deed Book 24, p. 584.
4. Deed Book 24, p. 354.
5. Deed Book 25, p. 522.
6. Deed Book 26, p. 258.
7. Wilson County, Deed Book 18, p. 185.
8. Deed Book 21, p. 374.
9. For fuller versions of these anecdotes, refer to *The Wilson Daily Times,* December 16 and 19, 1950; August 30, 1951; September 8 and 18, 1951; and October 15, 1951.

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President's Message

Hello readers,

As some of you know, the main library here in Wilson, North Carolina, is undergoing expansion and remodeling. We wait with anticipation for our expanded genealogy room.

In recognition of this, we would like our local WCGS members to consider donations to Wilson County Public Library. For our members who live elsewhere, we would also suggest that you make donations to your local library.

The Heritage Quest, which is being offered by the library, costs the library $1,000. With that, library cardholders can view online actual census records at the library as well as in one's home. Contact the library to learn how to do that. Another service the library has, as a trial subscription, is the Ancestry Library Edition, which is being offered as a state grant for the library at a cost of $1,200. I have worked with both of them and am more familiar with Heritage Quest. Both allow us to be able to find census records and so forth on-line. Ancestry Library Edition provides access to a wider range of data. Ancestry Library Edition cannot be used at home; however, another version is available for your home use with your own personal subscription.

Deborah Webb, who is in charge of the Local History section, sees a need for both of these online services. I trust her judgment on this. The library has a budget for the genealogy section of $4,000. However, $2,200 out of a $4,000 budget leaves only $1,800 to buy books and other materials for the genealogy room. We hope our Commissioners will see fit to allocate more money for materials for the genealogy section of the library.

Anyone who would like to donate money for the genealogy section for Heritage Quest, Ancestry Library Edition, or for books please contact the main library at: Wilson County Public Library, 249 W. Nash St., Wilson NC, 27893. The telephone number is (252) 237-5355. If you would like to donate specific books, please contact Deborah Webb first to see if the book is already in the library collection.

We want our library to be the best it can be and to be at least on an equal level with other neighboring libraries.

Thank you,
Carol M. Forbes, President.

OCTOBER 26, 2004, MEETING

Our program will be presented by Rob and Cathy Elias, representatives of the Triangle Welsh Society. Rob and Cathy are well versed in Welsh history and genealogy and have had success in tracing their individual Welsh ancestries. They have traveled to Wales to research and visit the homelands of their ancestors.

A list of the more common Welsh surnames reminds us that many of us have Welsh ancestry. A partial list would include Daniels, Evans, Jenkins, Jones, Lewis, Morgan, Owens, Phillips, Powell, Price, Smith, Thomas, Walker, Wilkinson, Williams, Wright.

We will meet at 7:00 pm in the Durwood Stancil, Inc. building, 3425 Ward Blvd., Wilson, NC.

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OUR WELSH HERITAGE

We are pleased to have representatives of the Welsh Society of the Carolinas with us to present the October program.

Wales, a small peninsula on the west side of England, has made a great contribution to the American mix. Wales lost its independence in the 13th century when captured by the King of England. This was a Celtic stronghold, the last holdout of the original inhabitants of Britain. They followed their own ancient laws, which divided the land between all the children in a family. Over the centuries, there was less land per person for each generation. By the time of the reign of King Henry VIII, it was not possible for the average Welsh man to earn a living with his tiny acreage. Starvation was rife. King Henry, himself of Welsh origin, recognized the problem and changed the law so that land could be inherited only by the eldest son. This was a cruel solution in a way, but it fueled the settlement of the American colonies. Welshmen by the thousands came to America, most sailing from Bristol, England. Jones, Evans, Williams, Daniels, Powell, and others piled aboard ships leaving Britain and eagerly sought land in Pennsylvania, New York, and the valley of Virginia. There was also a Welsh colony in North Carolina, in Pender County, which has contributed numerous residents of eastern North Carolina communities.

The language did not persevere but the traditions stayed with the families. In our own family, we see land distributed among all the sons down into the 20th century. Family values – the buzz words of the moment – are the heart of Welsh life.

Come along to our October meeting and hear more about the Welsh immigration to America.

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FAMILY CONNECTIONS—*WILSON DAILY TIMES*

THE GRICE FAMILY—September 21, 2004

We continue this month with yet another of Wilson County's early families: The Grice Family of Old Field Township.

We must go back to the 8th century to find the origin of this family name. The setting was northern Europe in the area we now know as Scandinavia, composed of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland. At that time, the area was considered to include the northern part of present-day Germany as well. These Nordic people were generally peaceful with strong family structure. They were skilled farmers and fishermen and seemed to have a well established northern culture, well acclimated to the harsh climate.

We would not be writing this narrative today if conditions had remained stable within that area. Climate changes can and did occur without warning, and a succession of drought years brought the Scandinavian population to the brink of starvation. Perhaps the cause was a shift in the prevailing winds or a change in ocean currents, but the change seemed to affect only northern Europe. The islands of Great Britain and Ireland were spared such climatic disaster. The Nordic people sent exploratory parties out seeking food supplies. When they arrived in Britain, they recognized a chance for salvation and returned with invading war parties to capture anything they could. Driven by desperation, they slaughtered their way into control of farms and settlements across northern Britain from coast to coast. These were the fierce Vikings of legend. There were Norwegian Vikings, Danish Vikings, Swedish Vikings, and some from northern Germany as well.

The Vikings replaced Saxon invaders who had come to Britain after the Romans had left in 400 AD. The Saxons fought to hold their territory but were pushed southward until the Saxons finally agreed to a separation of the country along a line which they called the Danelaw, an irregular line which crossed the center of England. The line changed over the centuries as the two populations continued to fight for territory. The present Royal Family of Great Britain is descended from the Saxons who held their ground in the south and eventually regained control of Britain.

The Vikings built villages and settled farms. They divided the counties into defense areas known as "wappentakes." This was an area small enough to be defended by the residents who would take up whatever arms were available to defend the area. The term translates loosely as "weapon taking." To this day, the County of Yorkshire still has some wappentakes instead of townships. The present city of York was the Viking city of Jorvik (pronounced Yorvik), and there are many Viking artifacts to be seen there.

Needless to say, the major artifacts which remain from the Viking invasion are the families with Viking ancestry. Wilson County has several, with Grice being one of them. The Viking word for a wild boar was griss (probably pronounced grease). It was a sign of great strength to have a wild boar in one's family crest, and the name eventually transferred as a surname, changing to Grice over time. There are Grice individuals scattered all across northern Britain. The origin is too far back to be able to trace reliably.

The first Grice immigrant to America that we can find is a Robert Grice who arrived as a headright on a plantation along the James River in 1672. Virginia records are not clear as to where in England he came from, but some records suggest that he was from the east side of England in the area of Suffolk. There were several other immigrants with the same surname, all of whom settled along the James River, among

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LETTER FROM PAUL V. BUNN.

The Wilson Times, May 7, 1912

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

A Wilson Boy Who Has Made Good

--Young Man Read it Carefully and Think on It.

George W. Connor, Esq.

Wilson, N. C.

My dear George:

It is not an easy thing to comply with your request to write a letter to be read at your Chamber of Commerce meeting. I feel so hopelessly incompetent to write anything that will be of service, and anything else would uselessly take up the time of your honorable body.

What is the one subject in which your membership is most interested" Why, the business success of Wilson as a community, of course. And you certainly have reason to be proud of the town's progress in the past 25 years. When I left Wilson in 1888 it was a nice village of 2,500 or 3,000 people—peaceful and quiet, except on Christmas, or election days, or else whenever Sowell Whitley came in to "shoot it up." Now it is a thriving city whose population, … is about 10,000. It has electric lights, water works, big warehouses, big stores and big people. As a whole, Wilson has been a success, and today it offers to its young men greater advantages than ever before—advantages that should keep them there.

Keeping the young men in the home town! …Excepting its young ladies, has any town a better asset for the future than its young men? Must they not eventually bear its business burdens, as the older heads retire from the arena; and is it not better for a community to specifically help its younger men prepare themselves for shouldering that burden, … .

One way of doing this is to start the youngster in with good schools—they can't be too good. … I know nothing of your present schools, but if they are as good as was the old "Graded School," from 1881 to 1885, they're good enough and much better than the majority. I am always proud to look back to that school and compare it with many I have known since. Under such principals as Tomlinson, Branson and Bruton and such teachers as Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Mercer, Mss [sic.] Maggie Hearne, Collier Cobb, Isaac Sutton and others, that school did an immense amount of good to the youngster fortunate enough to attend it. No better principal for such a school ever lived than Col. John F. Bruton. He not only taught things but he instilled ideals and I felt peculiarly honored when he called on me at my office some months ago. I honestly feel that if I have accomplished anything at all in life, my four years at that school was largely responsible.

But when our young man finishes school—what then? … Unless you do something practical, both in the way of boosting him towards success, as well as removing the grosser temptations from his immediate path, his chances for success will be minimized, and you, as a business community, will not get proper returns from your investment in his schooling. You have wisely killed off one of the greatest influences of his failure—the saloon. Have you as thoroughly killed off the "blind _?_ and the "bootleggers?" Have you stopped secret gambling among your young men? Have you rid the community of its brothels? Does any business man in Wilson own a piece of property on which an illegal or immoral business is allowed to flourish?

Just to the extent that you wipe out the temptations before his eyes, and provide good business chances for him, just to that extent do you build for the future of your town, and of each inhabitant. … seek yourselves whether you have done what you should and could to help him make a success of himself.

[Editor's notes: Next followed a list of suggestions for the business community: set up a "Success Committee" to connect the young men and suitable businesses; treat them with respect; place responsibilities on them; put more money into new industries, enlarge existing ones; put in more electric lights, more paving, more telephones; improve the appearance of the town, especially around the depot and along the tracks (to make a favorable impression on Northern financiers who pass through on the train). Mr. Bunn ended with advice to the young men to get a good education, to work hard, be clean, decent and temperate, and to do his job a "little better than anybody else ever did it."]

With cordial greetings for all my old friends and for the new citizens whom I have not the pleasure of knowing, I am,

Sincerely yours,

PAUL V. BUNN.

DID YOU KNOW?

At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A barmaid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in "pints" and who was drinking in "quarts," hence the term "minding your "P's and Q's".

***(Grice Family** Continued from page 86)*

them being Thomas, John and Arthur. We have no further records on these.

It is possible to follow Robert's line through several generations in Virginia and on into North Carolina when he obtained a land grant in Dobbs County in 1761. That county was later dissolved, forming Wayne, Lenoir, and Glasgow (now Greene) counties. Robert's land wound up in present-day Johnston County.

There was a Grice individual who settled along the Tar River in Edgecombe County, but our local family does not appear to be connected to that line.

As far as we can tell, Robert of Johnston County had a son, Francis, born about 1726, who had a son, William, born about 1752, who had a son, William who married Polly. Generations later, John, born in 1872, had relocated to Wilson County by 1900.

John Grice married Ella Davis after his first wife died. He had several children, including Roma who owned and operated Grice's Seed Store on South Tarboro Street. This was the place where one went every spring to buy seeds for the garden and young cabbage and collard plants to set out.

Today, there are Grice individuals living all across America who all descend from a few hungry Vikings of 1200 years ago.

Henry and Sue Powell

TOM "TOMMY" H. BRIDGERS

Hugh B. Johnston Files

[Editor's note: The following is an unsigned and undated document written for Mr. Johnston by a descendant of T. H. Bridgers. Mr. Johnston's notes state that Thomas Harris Bridgers was the son of James Bridgers and Milly Freeman. On December 4, 1855, T. H. married Sarah "Sallie" Routh Bridgers, born 1837, daughter of John Bridgers and wife Catharine Pender. The second wife of T. H. was Evelina L. Bridgers, born 1843, sister of Sallie. They were married on February 23, 1869.]

T. H. Bridgers or Tom "Tommy" Bridgers was Borne Nov. 10, 1832 & died Nov. 10, 1894. Thats as far back as I can officially go. He practically owned all of Wilbanks at one Time. Had a shop for all purpose, saw mill, griss mill, cotton gin etc. Married to Sallie, an aunt of L. H. Bridgers whom is living. He was father of my Grand Father named Charlie Thomas Bridgers By his wife "Sallie." Also by same wife – Frank, Tommy, & Willie. Frank has children living, & many grand children. Tommy went 20 years no children then he has 7 to die in a row. Willie has grand children, beyond Wilbanks. T. H. had one Daughter, whom I cant get her name officially.

T. H. my Great Great, Grand daddy married the Second Time another aunt of L. H. Bridgers Lina or Lena & had several children. One of whom married a Cad [?] Page. As you may have heard Wilbanks in its bloom was one of the roughest places on the Globe. His second wife named "Lena" & lost his property through ignorance or otherwise. I have a dresser that T. H. of 1832 made & Annie, Franks Daughter living has the bed & I forget who has the Chester drawers. His (T. H.) only Daughter by first wife married some one in the direction of Pine Tops. A Walston so I hear. They say my grand father was a small man but the wrestling Champion for miles around. They Say the "Bridger" killed the Gangster "Whitley" of that Time. My grand mother Told me She Saw with her own eyes an old man whom Whitley had stole his Daughter Cut one of Whitleys negroes which he had a pack of negroes & thinking he had Whitley, Cut the negroes guts out. They put his guts in a wooden tub & Carried him to Elm City & old Doc Moore put them back in, Sewed him up & he lived.

[Mr. Johnston listed the children of T. H. Thomas as below:

1. Charles Thomas Bridgers, born October 1, 1856.
2. Oliver H. Bridgers, born c. 1859 and died young.
3. Georgia A. Bridgers, born 1864, married Frank B. Webb.
4. Thomas "Tommy" John Bridgers, born December 31, 1867, died February 25, 1907, married Ella Taylor, born September 12, 1868, died January 28, 1956.
5. James Walter Franklin "Frank" Bridgers, born December 3, 1867.
6. Mattie Bridgers, born May 25, 1870, died October 25, 1870.
7. Alice V. Bridgers, born 1872, married Mark Cadmus Page, born 1866, on November 8, 1887, Turner Page, witness.

Children 1-5 were by Sallie; children 6 & 7 were by Evelina.

A different note in the file stated that "Sowell Whitley beat Tommy Bridgers with a bowling ball at Wilbanks. Tommy Bridgers is said to have killed Sowell Whitley."]

1866 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

G. A. S. R., Jan.-March 1866, Box 4, Folder: Recom. For J. P. #1

Contributed by Grace W. Turner

List of Justices of the Peace for Wilson County

John G. Williams	B. J. Bunn
Jesse H. Adams	S. D. Boykin
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Jonathan Barnes	Elisha Barnes
John Hays	David Taylor
Stephen Woodard	Edwin Barnes
A. G. Brooks	David W. Barnes
Peter Eatman	R. H. Baker
John H. Barnes	Albert Farmer
W^{m} H. Watson	Newit Owens
John Nichols	William Ellis
J. T. Dew	Thomas J. Gardner
W^{m} M. Gay	William Woodard
William D. Farmer	Warren Woodard
James R. Barnes	J. J. Hales
Washington Barnes	Thos. C. Davis
W. W. Batts	Elias Barnes
Jesse Fulgham	W^{m} Thompson
James F. Mercer	W^{m} G. Jordan
Simon Barnes	

We as representatives of the county of Wilson in the Genl Assembly, recommend the appointment of the above list of Justices of the Peace for said County

Kenneth Thigpen)
Jo^{s} N. Hyman)
Geo Howard, Senator

[on the reverse:] Justices of the Peace, Wilson County, 40
In Senate Jany 20th 1866, Approved, W A _____, Clk
In House Jan. 20th 1866, Approved, Seaton Gales, Clk
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TINEY BLOUNT BARNES OBITUARY

The Wilson Times, December 23, 1913

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Mrs. Tiny Barnes Dead.

Following a lingering illness of several weeks, Mrs. Tiney Barnes, a prominent lady of this city, died at a local hospital this morning at 8 o'clock.

The deceased was for many years a member of the Wilson public school faculty where she was greatly loved by all who came in contact with her sunny nature.

Mrs. Barnes leaves two daughters, Mrs. J. R. Dildy of this city, Mrs. Yelverton of Goldsboro and a host of relatives and friends who mourn her departure.

The funeral services will be held at the Episcopal church tomorrow evening at 3 o'clock, Rev. C. G. Prosperi, officiating. The procession will start from the residence of Mr. Haywood Best.

[Editor's note: Tiney Blount Barnes, b. October 15, 1851, d. December 23, 1913, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C.]

WAYNE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
CORONERS INQUESTS

George Langston: 1 November 1790. Inquest held at Waynesborough. George Langston, dec^{d} was found in the Neuse River dead. On jury: Silas Hollamon, Jethro Thompson, William Pate, Joel Bryan, Amos (x) Boyet, Shadrack (x) Boyet, William Howell, Lodwick Alforde, Joseph B. Boyte, Silas Jernigan, William Burn, Thomas (x) Boyet. Coroner: William Alford.

George Brabury: 4 February 1794. George Brabury, dec^{d}. On jury: Stephen Sasser, W^{m} Hooks, Benj^{a} Howell, John Wiggs Sr., W^{m} Powell, Josiah Boyet, Peter Powell, Uriah Langston, John Hooks, John Applewhite, Joshua Howell, Edmund Modlin. Coroner: W^{m} Alford.

John Tiner: 23 November 1795. Inquisition taken in the woods near Johnston line. Body of John Tiner lying dead upon oath of Robert Radford of Johnston County, Lewis Gurley and Mary Daughtry of Wayne. On jury: Isaac Wise, Robert Toler, Isham (x) Rogers, Jesse (x) Musgrave, Josheph Shehorn, William (x) Tiner, Arthur (x) Jones, John (x) Wiggs, John Howell, David Moody, John Bridgers, Ozbern (x) Howell, James (x) Musgrave, James Edgerton. Coroner: William Alford.

Benjamin Waldin: 29 December 1794. Benjamin Waldin lying dead & upon the oath of Thomas Thompson, John Matthers, Hopton Coor, Major Howell, Stephen Thompson, ~~John Matthews~~, James Jones, Edm^{d} Beard, Ezekiel Ballard, Zachariah Hayes, Thomas Atkinson, John Roberson & Arthur Jernigan they say he came to his death on 29th day of December 1794 at Little River. They believe that he was drowned by accident. Coroner: William Alford.

Matthew Daniel: 3 August 1816. Supposed by some of the Jury to be a certain Matthew Daniel, late of the County. Drowned in River Neuse.

Robert Peele: 2 May 1811. Inquisition held near the landing of William Whitfield over the body of Robert Peele.

Exum Hollowell: 27 February 1813. Inquisition held over the body of Exum Hollowell, found on a path between Robt fellows & William Price near Little River.

Fredarck E. Becton: 8 October 1813. Jury believes Fredarck E. Becton hung himself with a rope.

Isaac Bizzell: 5 May 1813. Inquisition taken at John Bizzells. John Bizzell & Abigail Bizzell swore that they saw him hanging in the same place the night before aforesaid date. Coroner Jesse Bizzell.

Elizabeth Williams: 1st day of October ____. Elizabeth Williams, wife of Levi Williams committed suicide by willfully going into the River Neuse just below the mill house of Micajah Cox and there on the 1st day of October _____ drown herself.

Lewis Freeman: 26 November 1829: Viewed body of Lewis Freeman who had accidentally drowned.

Source: Wayne Co., N. C. Misc. Records. Abstracts-Coroners, 1790-1929. C. R. 103.928.8. Submitted by Grace Turner. Much more in box not copied by me.

1845 NASH COUNTY SCHOOL REPORT

Nash Co., N. C. School Records 1844-1872

N. C. Archives, C.R. 069.926.1

Contributed by Grace W. Turner

FORM OF RETURN FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO SUPERINTENDANT.

State of North Carolina,
Nash County.

We, *Bartley Deans James Fulghum & Jesse Peal* School Committee of the *27th com school* District in said County, do certify that the School of said District has been taught by *James F Mercer* ~~*35 days*~~ at the price of *Eleven Dollars* for the term of *one month* and that the following contains the number and names of the children in said District, designated as required by Act of Assembly:

Number and names of all *male* children in the District over 5 and under 21.	Number and names of all f*emale* children in the District over 5 and under 21.	Number and names of all the *male* children taught.	Time each male child was at School.	Number and names of all the *female* children taught.	Time each female child was at School.
William T Baker	Lydia Hains	Stephen D Boykin	25	Nicy Boykin	9
Willis Harris	Sarah Hains	Ransom Boykin	31	Christian Williamson	23
Bithel Hains	Mary Simson	Jackson Deans	10	Nancy Williamson	25
William Hains	Edith Simson	John Simpson	27	Hisire Williamson	35
John Simson	Evelina Mercer	Griffon Simpson	29	Sarah Deans	16
Griffin Simson	Eliza J Mercer	James Moore	9	Temperance Deans	4
William Simson	Emily Baker	George Moore	8	Margaret Peel	23
Joseph J Mercer	Cristian Williamson	Wite I Williamson	20	Edath Simpson	14
James Mercer	Nancy Williamson	Dempsey Peel	25	Mary an Simpson	15
Larry Lamm	Kisiah Williamson	William Simpson	19	Milly Stot	12
Ransom Cook	Patsy Rentfrow	Adison Stot	11	Joanne Peel	23
Wilie Williamson	Nicy Boykin	Greyer Flowers	19	Elizabeth Peel	18
Vergy Rentfrow	Smithy Boykin	Adam Flowers	7	Elizer Jane Mercer	5
Ransom Rentfrow	Cally Boykin	Berton Eatman	9		
Perry Rentfrow	Sarah Boykin	John Stot	7		
Burket Rentfrow	Anny Davis	15 males		13 females	
Raimore Thorn	Ellizabeth Moore				
Stephen D Boykin	Sarah Moore				
Ransom Boykin	Nancy Moore				
Redin Davis	Polly Moore				
Calvin Davis	Rhody Croell				
James Moore	Joanny Peelle				
George Moore	Elizabeth Peelle				

This Report Contains a True account of the Bissness By us Transacted up to the 1st munday in September 1845

James Fulghum
Bartley Deans

Alfred Moore	Martha Peelle
Nathan Moore	Pennina Thorn
Simon More	Becky Peelle
John Mercer	Sarah Peelle
Dempsey Harison	Margaret Peelle
Jethro Harison	Polly Peelle
John Johnson	Emilla Stott
Dempsey Peelle	Sofiah W Thorn
David Peelle	Polly J Thorn
Nathan Peelle	Cally Wells
William M Davis	Cata Wells
Wilie Davis	Willy Wells
Gray Flowers	Aidy Lamm
Adam Flowers	Orpy Davis
Adison Stott	Sarah Ames
Wilie Stott	
John Stott	
Josiah T Thorne	
Johnathan Wells	
William Wells	
Enos Wells	
Henderson Wells	
Tho^s Williamson	
Wilie Williamson	
Levi Williamson	

No 27 Gentlemen Sirs you must make your returns on or before The 1st Monday in Oct 1845 at The Clerks office in The Town of Nashville Nash

Bartley Deans
James Fulgum
Jessee Peal

County as required by the Act of Assembly You and your Teachers must fill up the blank prices and names of The children in your school Dist given under my hand of 1st July 1845

J Vick Ck

[This information was on the reverse side.]

BOY SCOUTS.

***Wilson Times,* November 25, 1913**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

A few of the promoters of the movement met in the Mayor's office last night and perfected the temporary organization. The following were named as Advisory Board.

O. P. Dickinson, President.

Asa Bishop, Chairman.

Maj. T. S. Pace, Secretary.

W. L. Banks, Treasurer.

Chas. L. Coon, Jno. D. Gold, H. D. Brown.

Capt. G. K. Freeman, Scout Master.

Boys between the ages of 10 and 18 inclusive, are eligible as active members; all over 18 are eligible as honorary or contributing members.

An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged active members. All other members will contribute whatever they desire to help forward the movement.

A meeting will be held in the City Hall next Monday night for the purpose of making a permanent organization and of enlisting members. Parents, come and bring your boys. Boys, come and bring your parents. Old Scouts, we need you as well as the young scouts.

O. P. Dickinson, President.

THEY MUST GO

Wilson Daily Times, September 8, 1915

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

We desire to commend the activity of Mayor Killette in his efforts to remove from the community the festering sore of the Red Light district. He has prepared his cases thoroughly and there is ample evidence to convict them all for all have violated the intent and the purpose of the law. Many of them have gone further than that for they have used their license to sell cold drinks as a cover for the sale of liquor and this way they are making of their houses a hiding place for blind tigers where young men and some married men and old topes repair to secure drinks. We trust that the next court will not be easy with the cases as previous courts have done or allow their sympathies to soften towards the women because they are unfortunate.

No man sympathizes with a woman more than the Editor of the Times but conditions have grown from bad to worse in Wilson in this particular until some of our young men have lost their self respect. It has reached that point. Shall we throw away our boys in order to allow the presence of disreputable women?

The women should leave town and stay away. Go some place else and begin life anew. There is plenty of work to do and plenty of ways to earn an honest living.

FUNERAL REGISTER OF WOOTTEN AND STEVENS—PART SIX

This continuing series began in the April 2004 issue of *Trees.*

[Editor's note: Lengths seem to be that of the coffin.]

- Harrell, _____: Wilson. White. Died September 21, 1898, length 2' 6". Cost $8.50. Billed to Ephriam Harrell. (Page 336)
- Harrell, _____: Wilson, White. Died June 24, 1899, born dead, length 2' 3". Cost $7.50. Burial in Jack Smith Cemetery. Child of Ephriam Harrell. (Page 496)
- Harriss, Pennie: Wilson. Died May 27, 1899, aged 23 years, length 5' 9", of consumption. Dr. Albert Anderson. Cost $10. Billed to James Gay. Burial in Stephen Morriss Cemetery. (Page 473)
- Hathaway, _____: Nash County. Died June 5, 1898, aged 2 years. Dr. C. H. Brantley. Cost $5. Buried in Mt. Zion [M. E.] Church Cemetery. (Page 266)
- Hawkins, David: Near Wilson. White. Died February 5, 1898, aged 73, of Bright's disease, length 5' 9", father of Ed Hawkins. Cost $29. "Dr. E. G. Moore & others." Funeral and Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. "Was buried by Centennial Lodge I. O. O. F., assisted by Enterprise Lodge I. O. O. F., with the usual Ceremony." (Page 203)
- Hawkins, Sudie Moore: Black Creek Township. White. Died February 25, 1897, aged 22, of typhoid pneumonia, length 5' 9". Buried in the Lucas Cemetery. Dr. Crocker. Billed to Riley & Tomlinson. Cost $25. "Had only been married 3 weeks." (Page 38)
- Herring, Thomas J.: Wilson. White. Died January 26, 1897, aged 55 years, length 5' 6". Dr. Nathan Anderson. Funeral at Disciples Church. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. Cost $38.25. "Mr. Herring was a consistent member of the Disciples Church. A highly respected citizen." (Page25)
- High, _____: Taylor's Township. Colored. Died March 18, 1899, length 2' 6", child of John High. Cost $3. Burial in Hilliard Ellis Cemetery. (Page 438)
- Hill, _____: Wilson. White. Died September 24, 1898, aged 3 months, length 2' 6", child of J. I. and Janie Hill. Cost $9.50. Funeral and Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. "Was a twin; the other died Sept. 1st/98." (Page 340)
- Hill, _____: Moyton. White. Died June 16, 1899, aged 3 months, length 2' 6", grandchild of D. B. Hill. Dr. S. H. Crocker. Cost $6.50. Burial in D. B. Hill Cemetery. (Page 490)
- Hill, Edgar: Wilson. Colored. Died October 20, 1897, aged 16 years, of consumption, son of Henrietta Hill and brother of Richard Norwood's wife. Cost $23. Funeral at home. Burial in Oak Dale Cemetery. Dr. B. T. Person. (Page 151)
- Hill, Elizabeth: Wilson. White. Died September 1, 1898, aged 2 months 22 days, length 2' 3", one of twins of J. I. Hill. Dr. Jones. Cost $9. Funeral and burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 318)
- Hines, Mamy: Wilson. Colored. Died March 10, 1899, aged 1 year 1 month, length 2' 6". Dr. Albert Anderson. Cost $1.50. Burial in W. H. Farmer Cemetery. (Page 434)
- Hinnant, Minnie: White. Died November __, 1897, length 2' 9". Cost $10. Billed to J. T. Hinnant. (Page 165)
- Hinnant Mollie: Buckhorn Church. White. Died February 11, 1898, aged 28 years, of consumption, wife of J. Thomas Hinnant, and daughter of Ralph Horne. Cost $22. Billed through W. H. Barnes. "Lived near Kirby's Crossing." Burial in Robert Raper Cemetery. (Page 209)
- Hogwood, Clara A.: County Home. White. Died May 28, 1899, aged 64 years, of consumption, length 6 feet. Certified by County Physician. Cost $13.50. Billed to J. J. Privett. Funeral conducted by Rev. Mr. Bell at graveside in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 474)
- Hogwood, Thomas I.: Cross Roads Township. White. Died December 14, 1897, aged 46, "Killed by accident," length 5' 9". Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $15. Burial Black Creek Township Cemetery. "Was found with skull crushed. No one knows what caused it." (Page 182)
- Holland, Nancy: Near Dr. Graves. White. Died December 30, 1898, aged 70 years, of dropsy and old age, length 5' 6". Cost $15. Billed to Billy Petteway and Pat Holland. Burial near Fremont. (Page 397)
- Horne, James: Stantonsburg Township. White. Died August __, 1897, length 5' 6". Cost $10. Billed to Larry Bass. (Page 117)
- Howard, Benjamin F.: White. Died August 17, 1898, aged 2 months 7 days, length 2' 3". Dr. N. B. Herring. Cost $8.50. Burial in Gardner's Township. (Page 304)
- Howell, _____: Wilson. White. Died January 3, 1898, length 3' 3". Cost $8. Billed to W. W. Simms. Funeral at home. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 193)
- Jackson, [Margaret E.]: Wilson. White. Died March 21, 1898, of fever, length 5' 9", wife of H. C. Jackson "who survives her & she leaves 2 children." Cost $49.50. Funeral in Baptist Church. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. Dr. N. B. Herring. (Page 220)
- Jackson, Rosa: Wilson. Colored. Died July 5, 1898, aged 10 months, of cholera infantum, length 2' 6", child of Jos. S. Jackson. Cost $10. Funeral at home. Burial in colored Oakdale Cemetery. Dr. N. B. Herring. (Page 285)
- Jeffreys, Mattie: Wilson. Colored. Died July 24, 1898, aged 7 years, of "Brain Fever", length 4 feet. Cost $7. Billed to W. T. Clark. Dr. Jones. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. "This girl was taken to raise by Mr. Clark's mother when very small and the whole family thought a great deal of her. She is the only colored person ever put in Maplewood." (Page 289)
- Jeffreys, Rosa: 16 miles from Wilson. Colored. Died November 9, 1897, of Heart Failure, aged 28 years, length 5' 9". Dr. H. F. Freeman. Burial at Raleigh. Cost $15. Billed to Bullock & Coleman. (Page 160)
- Jenkins, Adanna: Near Wilson. White. Died September 6, 1897, aged 32 years. Funeral at home. Burial in Nick Howard Cemetery. Cost $17. Billed to T. J. Hadley. Dr. Jones. (Page 131)
- Jenkins, Annie Monite: Wilson. Colored. Died May 20, 1899, aged 24 years, of consumption, length 5' 6", daughter of Monite Jenkins. Dr. N. B. Herring. Burial in Oak Dale

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Cemetery. Cost $2.25. Billed to Wilson County. (Page 471)

- Johnston, _____: Wilson. White. Died October __, 1897. Cost $10. Bill rendered to J. T. Williams. (Page 152)
- Johnston, (Mrs.) Eliza: Nash County. White. Died June 24, 1897, aged 68 or 69, of "Trouble of its bowels." Funeral at home. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. "The deceased was a sister of the late W. N. Hackney. Died at her daughter's in Nash Co. & was brought to Wilson. Buried in her brother's lot in Maplewood Cemetery June 26/97." Billed to R. T. Stevens. (Page 89)
- Jones, _____: Poor House. White. Died December 10, 1897, aged 2 months, length 2' 6". Cost $1.50. Dr. T. B. Person. Billed to Wilson County. Burial in Poor House Cemetery. (Page 178)
- Jones,_____: Near Moyton. White. Died May __, 1898, length 5' 6", wife of Ricky Jones. Cost $25. Burial in William Applewhite Cemetery. (Page 246)
- Jones, Estelle: Wilson. Colored. Died December 20, 1896, aged 9 months of fever, length 2' 9". Buried at Colored Cemetery. Cost $5.50. (Page 10)
- Jones, Gillie: Wilson. Colored. Died October 31, 1897, aged 51 years, of "Bowel Consumption," length 5' 4", wife of Alex Jones. Cost $25. Funeral at home. Burial in Oakdale Cemetery. (Page 156)
- Jones, Kesiah: Old Fields Township. Colored. Died August 21, 1898, aged 38, of consumption, length 5' 9", wife of Thomas A. Jones. Cost $15. Buried in Jones Hill Cemetery. (Page 306)
- Jones, Marietta: Near Wilson Town. White. Died on March 5, 1897, of measles and pneumonia, aged 31 years, length 5' 9". Buried in Maplewood Cemetery. Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $24. (Page 43)
- Jones, Nettie Vick: Wilson. Colored. Died August __, 1897, daughter of Daniel Vick. Cost $25. "Murdered by her husband Wilson Jones." (Page 124)
- Jordan, Bryant: Near Wilson. White. Died September 14, 1898, length 6', was the father of Chesley Jordan. Burial in Sharps Grove Cemetery. (Page 333)
- Jordan, Cornelius: Wilson. White. Died January 30, 1899, "shot in a row," length 6', son of Joseph Jordan. Dr. C. E. Moore, Coroner. Cost $15. Billed to Joe Jordan. Buried at old John Draughan place. (Page 415)
- Jordan, Ned: Wilson. Colored. Died February 2, 1898, aged 65 years, length 6 feet, father of Charlotte Aycock. Cost $15. Burial in colored cemetery. (Page 202)
- Jordan, Thomas: Wilson. White. Died August 24, 1989, length 6' 3". Cost $46. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. Billed to D. S. Boykin. "Thomas Jordan was an old highly respected citizen, was father of Lewis Jordan & Mrs. Maggie Boykin." Cost $46. (Page 311)
- Joyner Hilliard: Wilson County. White. Died March 28, 1899, aged 89 years, of old age, length 6'. Cost $5.50. Dr. W. S. Anderson. Billed to M. R. Whitley. Burial in home cemetery. (Page 443)
- Kerby, Col. Paul: Near Wilson. White. Died August 11, 1898, aged 9 days, length 2 feet. Cost $3. Billed to W. B. Kerby. Dr. T. B. Person. Burial in Arnold Nichols Cemetery. (Page 300)
- Knight, _____: Wilson. Colored. Died December 18, 1897, of consumption, length 6 feet. Cost $2.50. Billed to F. W. Barnes. (Page 184)
- Lamm, Abram: Wilson. White. Died June __, 1898. Cost $2.25. Billed to Wilson County. (Page 264)
- Lamm, Benjamin F.: Wilson. White. Died May 1, 1897, of dysentery, aged 7 months, length 2' 6", son of Frank Lamm. Buried in Maplewood Cemetery. Dr. Nathan Anderson. Cost $9.50. (Page 67)
- Lamm, Ellen: Near Wiggins Mill. White. Died June 11, 1898, aged 2 months, of flux, length 2 feet, little daughter of Richard Lamm. Cost $3. Burial in Isham Lamm Cemetery. (Page 272)
- Lamm, Leon: Old Fields Township. White. Died August 7, 1898, aged about 3 years, of typhoid fever, length 3 feet. Cost $5. Billed to Taylor Lamm. Burial in Thomas Boyett Cemetery. Drs. Moore & Anderson. (Page 296)
- Lamm, Litha James: Nash County. White. Died May 19, 1897, aged 70, of Paralysis, length 5' 6". Buried in home cemetery. Cost $15. Billed to Jackson Lamm by Weslie Lamm. (Page 75)
- Lamm, Mary Ellen: Near Wilson. White. Died September 12, 1897, aged 16, of "yellow chill," length 5' 6". Burial in Thomas Boyett Cemetery. Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $18. Billed to J. R. Lamm. (Page 135)
- Lamm, Willie: Black Creek Township. White. Died February 2, 1897, aged 1 month 14 days, length 2' 6". Cost $3.50. Buried on John Riley farm. (Page 28)
- Lancaster, _____: Near Wilson. White. Died June 5, 1898, aged 52 years, of consumption, length 5' 6". Cost $15. Billed to Byrd Lancaster. (Page 267)
- Lancaster, Byrd: Wilson County. White. Died December 27, 1898, aged 63 years, of yellow chill, length 6' 3". Cost $25. Burial in home cemetery. Dr. Cheres. (Page 395)
- Leonard, _____: Wilson. White. Died August 15, 1898, stillborn, child of Will Leonard. Cost $3. (Page 302)
- Leonard, _____: Wilson. White. Died September 16, 1898, aged 2 years, length 3 feet, child of Will Leonard. Cost $10. Burial in Eatman Cemetery. (Page 328)
- Lewis, James T.: "The old Col. Bynum Place." White. Died November 26, 1897, of paralysis, length 6'. Buried near St. Lewis (in Edgecombe County). Cost $55. "Was a very highly respected man. Honorable in all his dealings." (Page 173)
- Lindsey, Frank: Wilson. Colored. Died December 31, 1898, aged 27 years, of dropsy, length 6 feet. Dr. Paschal. Funeral at home. Burial in Oakdale Cemetery. Cost $15. Billed to William Lindsey. (Page 399)
- Lisles, D. G.: Wilson. White. Died February 7, 1899, aged 42 years, of consumption, length 6 feet. Dr. N. B. Herring. Cost $35. Funeral at house. Burial in Lisles Cemetery. (Page 420)
- Mabry, James: Wilson. Colored. Died June 15, 1897, of consumption. Burial in colored cemetery. Cost $10. Bill to L. A. Moore. (Page 84)

LIQUOR
Hugh B. Johnston files

Distilled liquor, which has been responsible for some human pleasure and a great deal of human misery, has maintained an almost equal number of friends and enemies down through the centuries. Perhaps its only serious competitor in the world has been the opium of the Orient. A really serious movement towards prohibition in North Carolina apparently began in Wilson in December, 1879, at the annual State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, when the Grand Lodge of Good Templars sent in a request that the Conference use its influence on the next General Assembly to secure the enactment of "a general prohibitionary liquor law" against the sale of hard liquors in this State. The Conference proceeded to pass a resolution to that effect, which represented "the first important action taken by any powerful and influential denomination in North Carolina toward state-wide prohibition."

In 1881, as the result of pressure brought to bear by Church and Temperance groups, the North Carolina Legislature "authorized a popular referendum on state prohibition of the manufacture of intoxicating liquor in North Carolina and its sale except in maximum quantities of one gallon for medicinal purposes by druggists on doctor's prescriptions.

The Liberal Democrats and the Anti-Prohibitionists joined ranks for a heavy attack on this threat from the Conservative Democrats. The Republicans also denounced Prohibition, and it was not surprising that the referendum in 1882 was lost by a vote of about 2½ to 1. However, by 1885 special Acts of Legislature had been secured, by which the sale of hard liquor was forbidden in Lucama and in Crossroads Township in Wilson County. The open saloon continued to flourish in most of the towns and villages of the State, but a system of dispensaries gradually developed by 1900.

In the Federal Census of 1900, Wilson County had dispensaries at Wilson, Elm City, and Lucama, and saloons at Black Creek, Wilbanks, and Bridgersville; Johnston County had a dispensary at Pine Level, and Wayne County had them at Fremont and Eureka; Greene County had saloons at Snow Hill and Jason, and Nash County had them at Rocky Mount and Battleboro; Edgecombe County had saloons at Tarboro, Pinetops, Macclesfield, Old Sparta, Lawrence, St. Louis, Conetoe, Leggetts, Whitakers, Battleboro, Rocky Mount, Sharpsburg, and Oakley; Pitt County had dispensaries at Greenville, Bethel, Ayden, and Falkland, and saloons at Farmville, Oakley, Stokes, Pactolus, Fountain, and Grimesland.

It was only after "a battle royal" that Wilson succeeded in driving out the open saloons and establishing a dispensary. When Governor Robert B. Glenn, "the leading speaker for the drys," gave an address in Wilson in 1908, it was estimated that 4,000 persons came to hear him. In the preceding year the Anti-Saloon League had launched a new campaign for state-wide prohibition, which was approved by a vote of nearly two to one on May 26, 1908, after "one of the most strenuous campaigns in the history of North Carolina." Johnston and Edgecombe were among the twenty-one Counties in which the referendum failed.

In 1919 the Eighteenth Amendment attempted prohibition on a national scale, but even the Federal Government cannot enforce and maintain indefinitely a law that is generally unpopular in substance or in manner of enforcement, and the prohibition amendment was repealed in 1933. In North Carolina the good friends of John Barleycorn went to work immediately to capitalize on this new development and secured from the Legislature in 1935 the Pasquotank Act which would allow the Counties of Wilson, Nash, Edgecombe, Pitt, and Greene to hold local-option elections for the establishment of Alcoholic Beverage Control stores.

It was stated that these stores would enjoy a liquor monopoly and that to "guard against the return of the saloon, all sales were to be made in sealed packages." The purchaser could not therefore consume the precious elixir on the premises, and he was further prohibited by the Act from utilizing "any public road or street," but he could presumably avoid any appearance of impropriety or illegality by quenching his thirst with friends at his club or with his family in the sanctity of their home.

The "drys" in the Counties named by the Pasquotank Act made last ineffectual efforts to block preparations for holding option elections. "Nash County was the first to hold an election, and by a sweeping majority of more than three to one, it voted on June 6, 1935, for liquor stores. But the first store opened, after a period of 26 years of prohibition, was in Wilson, and the second was in Edgecombe County." With the current general acceptance of the social consumption of intoxicating beverages by all ages, genders, and classes of American society, it is not likely that this century will see another serious effort to deprive the public of a large and readily available supply of its favorite stimulants. Heavy liquor taxes may be expected to absorb a considerable portion of the costs of treating increasingly large numbers of alcoholics, and of disciplining drunken drivers or others whose criminal misuse endangers the public welfare.

[Editor's notes: The 1867-68 and 1869 Branson Business Directories list W. C. Batts and B. D. Stith as operators of "Bar and Restaurants." The 1872 Branson Business Directory did not include that entry; however the 1872 Mayo Map of Wilson shows the location of J. J. Jackson Bar Room on Goldsboro Street, Morris Bar Room and Hamilton Bar Room on Tarboro Street.]

MEETING CITY FATHERS
The Wilson Times, January 5, 1917

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

A communication from the Woman's Club requesting that the Anti-spitting Ordinance be rigidly enforced, Mayor Killett stated it was his pleasure to meet any request from the ladies and he proposed to enforce this ordinance if he himself had to give up chewing tobacco. He explained that people should spit as little as possible and in the streets. He directed the police to look after this and call the attention of the people to it and if necessary make arrests of those who were disposed to violate the law. The Mayor expressed himself as feeling certain every one would be pleased to co-operate with the ladies and the city officials in an effort to conserve the health of the community.

The communication was signed by Mrs. John F. Bruton and Mrs. T. F. Pettus from the civic department of the Woman's Club.

WCGS Meeting on September 28, 2004

The fall season began for the society with its September meeting on Tuesday evening in the Stancil Building with our president Carol Forbes presiding. New member, Hugh Shingleton, originally from this area, who lives in Georgia, and guests Bob and Becky Brown who now live in the Lucama area were welcomed. They are new to the area, and we would be delighted to have them join us.

Carol asked about any new discoveries, and the Brown's told about the discovery of Becky's family coming over on the Mayflower. They learned that on their last trip home to New York. How exciting!!!!

Our last meeting of the summer was a social with dinner. It seems that some of us have senior memories and forgot to attend, but those who were there reported an enjoyable evening!!

There was no treasurer's report as there has been very little activity during the summer months. Carol had attended the workshop in Edgecombe County where she had set up a table for the sale of WCGS books. There were other venders in attendance, and the meeting was reported to have been most interesting. Margaret Hoffman, Tim Rackley and David Gammon participated in the program.

We were shown a picture of the genealogical area in the new library and were given a progress report. It looks grand, and we are so anxious to be back in our home site!!!!! The library could use some financial support in keeping the on line sites available. Ancestry.com costs $1200.00 per year and Heritage Quest costs $1000.00 per year which consumes a large part of their budget.

Sue Powell reported that Trees is to be judged for an award from North Carolina Genealogical Society. Also, she told of the Pitt County group which will hold its annual meeting on October 15 and 16 at the LDS Church. There is a midnight madness sale on research books from Willow Bend Books.

Family Tree Maker is now out in Windows 2005 version. Several members have begun to use it and seem to think that it has some advantages over the earlier editions.

Bobby Boykin told about the memoirs of W. P. Snakenburg who was born in Louisiana but came to Wilson. Bobby also reported that Jerry McClain is now president of the Wilson County Historical Society which meets at the college. They presently have 35 members and meet on the 1st Thursday at 3:30 pm every other month.

Sue and Henry Powell gave a pictorial travelogue of a recent genealogical research/sightseeing trip to Ireland where they along with Guy Cox and other members of the Cox family did research on Henry's great grandfather's family. Sue began with an Irma Bombeck bit of humor and a recording of "I'm My Own Grandpa" which seems almost possible to those who dig into family histories as they are sometimes tangled webs!!!! The scenery was wonderful and as they told of their search, we could almost picture ourselves with them on the trip. They did uncover some leads and felt that the journey was a success and certainly enjoyable.

We adjourned with a bit of time left to visit and share events of the past few months.

Frances W. Roberson

Board Meeting September 29, 2004

The WCGS board met at the Powells on Wednesday evening September 29, 2004, with Carol Forbes presiding.

The reprinting of current books was discussed with the decision made to publish on an as need basis. Sales are slow, and we do not need a big inventory. It was decided that we would meet the conditions requested by Joan Howell Waddell and have a written agreement presented to her in preparation for our printing her 1900 Wilson County census.

The Gold Catalogue needs upgrading and reprints done in the near future. The 2005 calendar will be on the Elm City area. Henry Powell has received another estimate, and Dick Rountree will further investigate book printing prices. It seems that we might receive more competitive prices this year!!!!!

A book will be placed in the WCP Library in memory of Paul Darden, a charter member, past board member and active WSGS member for many years. WCPL will suggest several books from which a selection will be made.

We will fill out and mail a sales tax agreement with a certificate of exemption for future purchases, place notices in the WPA-TV Club Directory which will give us better coverage, place more copies of Cemetery IV at Maplewood, pay for a membership for Sue Powell to represent us in the Wilson County Historical Society, and inquire of the WCGS members at the next meeting about always keeping the social in the month of June or having the opportunity of choosing another month.

There were other discussions about the Belk Charity Shopping day and the ECU Courses for Nonprofit Professionals, neither of which would be of benefit to our group.

The library has asked for assistance in paying for the online connections of Heritage Quest and Ancestry Library Edition. It was deemed necessary to keep our funds for printing of publications, but we do want to help in whatever way that we can. At the present, we will place a plea in *Trees* asking the membership to contribute to the library for this service.

The meeting was adjourned, and a short social was enjoyed with refreshments served by the hosts in honor of Carol's birthday.

Frances W. Roberson

Wilson Co. Public Library Genealogy Resources

The new portion of the library has opened, and the genealogy and local history collection has been temporarily relocated in it until its eventual permanent home in the old section is remodeled.

The Wilson County Public Library is open Mon.-Wed. 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Thurs.-Sat. 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Parking is available near the new Broad Street entrance, along the street, and in the shopping center across the street.

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Wilson's Family Heritage

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President's Message

Hello Readers,

Thanksgiving is approaching, and we should to take time to express appreciation for our blessings. As we go through our daily activities, we sometimes get wrapped up in the mundane and our trials and tribulations. It is good to have a time set aside to reflect on all that we have for to be thankful for.

As Christmas approaches and shopping begins for family and friends, remember WCGS and our publications. A membership, book or map might be the perfect gift for someone on your list.

When you think of making charitable donations before the end of the year, remember WCGS and your local library. WCGS is a 501(c)3 non profit organization.

The November WCGS meeting will be held at the Durwood Stancil, Inc. building, 3425 Ward Blvd., Wilson, N. C. The new officers for 2005 will be installed and annual reports will be made.

The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Come a few minutes early so we can visit.

Please come to participate in our celebration for the officers, to express our thankfulness for all of our blessings, and to share fellowship with WCGS members for the last time in 2004.

WCGS does not meet in December or publish a December issue of *Trees of Wilson.*

We wish you all a Thanksgiving and Christmas filled with family and friends, good times, and many blessings.

Trees of Wilson will be in your mailboxes again in January 2005.

See you there!
Carol M. Forbes, President.

NOVEMBER 23, 2004, MEETING

We will meet Tuesday, November 23, at 7:00 pm in the Durwood Stancil, Inc. building, 3425 Ward Blvd, Wilson, N. C.

This is our designated "Annual Meeting" at which time the officers for the new year will be installed and reports made on the activities of the current year. The new board will make a presentation of the plans for the new year.

The new officers will be Carol Forbes, president; Sue Powell, vice president; Frances Roberson, secretary; Henry Powell, treasurer; and Wanda Taylor, board member. Mary Anne Sheak and Judy O'Neal are continuing their terms on the board. Board members serve three year terms. Dick Rountree's term on the board ends this year.

This meeting we will have "Show and Tell." Look in your attics, closets and so forth; find an artifact and bring it to the meeting to tell us about it. In the past we have had crocheted doilies, old Bibles, Grandmama's bonnets, Cornwallis's glasses, swords, musket rifles, family pictures and more.

If you would prefer, tell us about a family discovery or a project on which you have been working. See what you can come up with.

We will conclude with a reception honoring the new and old officers. Refreshments will be served.

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IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!

- The 2005 calendar focuses on the Town of Elm City and is being included with this issue of *Trees* to those who are members of WCGS. We hope that you enjoy using it. If you would like an additional copy, let us know. Additional copies were printed and are available for purchase for $11 plus mailing costs. Calendars will be available for purchase at the main branch of Wilson County Public Library also.
- Since membership in WCGS is on a calendar year basis, it is time to pay annual dues for the new calendar year. In order to continue to receive your monthly issue of *Trees of Wilson,* submit your dues before the end of January. Our by-laws specify that your subscription expires if your dues are not paid. Remember that the index for the 2004 issues of *Trees* will be mailed to those who are members when it is completed in 2005 (around March or April).
- Membership in WCGS makes a nice Christmas present for a relative or friend who has an interest in the people and history of Wilson County or its parent counties. A gift certificate will be mailed to recipients of gift memberships, and they will receive full membership benefits.
- A revised edition of the "Gold Catalogue" is included with this mailing. Please review it for new items that have been added. Many additional files of the Hugh Johnston's family papers have been completed and are now available to our members. Consider adding books, maps, or Hugh Johnston family files to your personal collection or making a gift of one or more to family members or friends.
- Remember that WCGS is a 501(c)3 non profit organization and contributions are tax deductible. We anticipate several reprinting needs next year.

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FAMILY CONNECTIONS—*WILSON DAILY TIMES*

MORE ON THE COX FAMILY—OCTOBER 21, 2004

We wrote on our local Cox family sometime back, detailing the possible connections of one Lewis Cox of Stantonsburg who arrived in America from Ireland in the 1850s. At that time, we had been able to locate his siblings, Timothy living in Illinois, James living in Kentucky, and Bridget living in California. His father had lived and died in New York City, having immigrated there in the 1840s and found work with which to pay passage for the four children to come to America.

With this small amount of information, Sue and I gathered the first cousins, all great-grandchildren of Lewis, and Guy Cox, his grandson, and planned a trip to Ireland to search for the origins of Lewis. We left in September for our venture and all joined up at Shannon Airport in the County of Kerry in Ireland. Having hired a bus and driver made traveling easier and more relaxing, and our driver, thoroughly experienced with such groups, was a tremendous help.

We knew that the Cox family probably came from the vicinity of the County Roscommon in north-central Ireland, which is where we headed to start with. We checked into our hotel in Stokestown and quickly discovered that the pub next door was run by Mickey Cox, the convenience store across the street was run by another Cox, and the telephone book showed that we were indeed in a suitable place. We visited the famine museum the next day and found references to Cox tenants who had been forced off their land for non-payment of rent. However, we did not find the clues we were looking for. Where did Lewis come from?

One cousin, skilled in DAR research, had traced sibling Timothy and found his obituary, showing that he was from County Leitrim, the county east of the northern part of County Roscommon. We went to the genealogy research center in that county and, with the help of the staff genealogist, turned up a Baptism record, dated 1837, for Lewis's sister, Bridget, daughter of Patrick and Bridget McGowan Cox, in a parish at the southern end of the county. Our one piece of verbal history left from Lewis was a comment he made to my grandfather that he had "worked as a milkman in Baltimore at age 14." We passed this on to the genealogist who lit up and explained that the estate of Lord Baltimore was located just over the county's southern boundary line in County Longford, adjacent to the parish where Bridget was christened.

We climbed back aboard the bus and headed for the parish of Gortletteragh where we looked for a suitable church. We didn't find one (that's another challenge for the next trip), but we did make a discovery that helped to untangle the story. There, beside the road, just over the county line on the main road out of the parish, stood an enormous marble platform topped with a superb sculpture of Lady Baltimore (the wife of the founder of the State of Maryland). There was a plaque mounted on the base explaining that this was a gift from the City of Baltimore, Maryland, to the Town of Baltimore, County Longford, Ireland, to commemorate their shared heritage. The humor of all this is that there is no "town" of Baltimore, Ireland, at least in the County where the statue is placed (there is one on the south coast near Cork).

Lord Howard, a resident of London, England, was granted the land for this estate and given the title of Lord Baltimore by King James I (the very same James for whom Jamestown was named). The new Lord, who was born in Yorkshire, England, never spent much time in Ireland, and the estate was sold after his death in the 1600s. The name "Baltimore" was retained for the property, and Lewis did indeed work there in the dairy as a lad of 14. Now we know what he meant by that

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THE SECOND USS *NORTH CAROLINA*, THE FIRST AIRCRAFT CARRIER IN THE U. S. NAVY

Contributed by Sue E. Powell

This photograph was found in the family Bible of my step grandfather, Howard "Howey" Albert Hill. Written on the back was the notation, "This is one of our flying machines secureing for a flight her name is A. B. 3."

Being intrigued, I shared my finding with a member of the staff of the District office of the Division of Veterans Affairs in Wilson. He obtained the service record of Zeb Vance Hill, Howey's older son, which stated that he had enlisted on March 30, 1916, at the age of 19 years 6 months, at the USS *Vermont* in Norfolk, Virginia. He served as a seaman second class on the USS North Carolina from April 6, 1917, to November 24, 1917, a period of 97 days; as a seaman on armed draft detail in New York from November 24, 1917, to February 15, 1918, a period of 446 days; and on the USS *Lake Ontario* as an electrician second class general from February 15, 1918, to November 11, 1918, a period of 41 days. He was discharged as an electrician first class on March 29, 1920, at "receiving ship at N. Y." There is no indication where he served between November 1918 and March 1920.

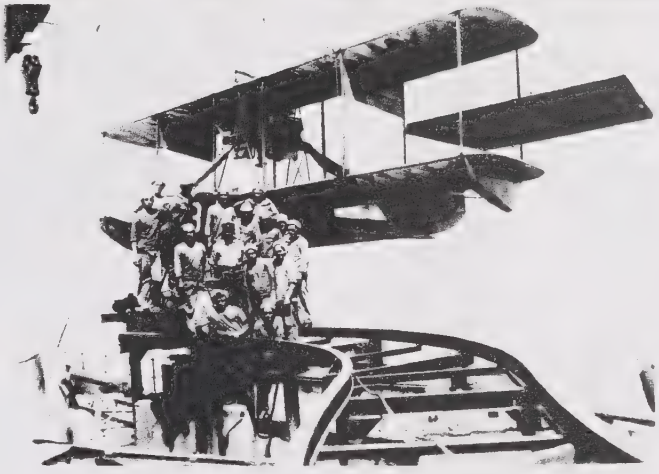
A letter was then written by the Veterans Affairs District Officer to the Department of the Navy's Historical Branch along with a photocopy of the picture and Zeb V. Hill's service record. Wm. J. Armstrong, a Department of the Navy Historian, answered that the photo was "taken aboard the USS *North Carolina* and the aircraft was the Navy AB3, a flying boat built by the Curtiss Company and originally designated C3. ... On 5 November 1915, the *North Carolina* became the first U. S. Navy ship to launch an aircraft by catapult." An attached history of the three USS *North Carolina* ships stated that this led to the use of catapults on battleships and cruisers through World War II and to the steam catapults on air-craft carriers. *(Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships, Volume V, 1970,* Navy Department*)*

Launched 7 September 1820, the first *North Carolina* was considered the most powerful naval vessel then afloat and served as flagship in the Mediterranean from 29 April 1825, to 18 May 1827. The display of naval might laid the groundwork for the 1830 commercial treaty with Turkey opening ports of the Eastern Mediterranean and the Black Sea to American traders. From 26 May 1837 to March 1839, the *North Carolina* protected the commerce of the eastern Pacific.

The second *North Carolina* was launched 6 October 1906. In January and February 1909, the ship carried President-elect William H. Taft on an inspection tour to the Panama Canal. From 23 April to 3 August, the ship cruised the Mediterranean to protect Americans threatened by conflict in the Turkish Empire. The crew made a medical relief landing to provide aid to victims of massacre.

In the years before World War I, the *North Carolina* trained and maneuvered in the western Atlantic and the Caribbean and participated in ceremonial and diplomatic activities. It brought home from Cuba the bodies of the crew of *Maine* for their interment in Arlington National Cemetery.

After the United States entered World War I, the *North*



Carolina escorted troop transports between Norfolk and New York. Between December 1918 and July 1919, she brought men of the AEF home from Europe. She was renamed *Charlotte* 7 June 1920, so that the original name might be assigned to a new battleship, a ship that was never completed due to the terms of the Washington Treaty for the Limitation of Naval Armaments. *(Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships, Volume V, 1970,* Navy Department*)*.

The third *North Carolina,* launched 13 June 1940, was the first commissioned of the Navy's modern battleships, and saw action in the Pacific during World War II. It is now docked in Wilmington, N. C. where it is open for tours.

[Editor's note: See page 101 for more information on the family of Zeb Vance Hill.]

*(**Cox Family** Continued from page 98)*

statement.

The Leitrim genealogist was of the opinion that the four children were probably sent to America as part of an immigration program sponsored by the "Work House" in the local town of Mohill. She had worked on the records for that institution and agreed to pull them out again and do further work on our family to help answer the question of who is Lewis Cox.

Uncle Guy took many photos as we all expected, and the quality is very fine. We suspect that he would be pleased to share these with anyone who might be interested.

We still have a long way to go before this family history is completed. We do have a much better idea of where they lived and the extremely destitute conditions under which they left Ireland.

The photo is that of the Lady Baltimore statue in County Longford, taken by Lynda Cox Dixon.

Henry and Sue Powell

REQUEST FOR MILITARY PAY

Military Collection, War of 1812, Box 9, Misc. Materials 1812-1817

Contributed by Grace W. Turner

September the 25th 1816

Sir I was much Disapointed on the 22nd Instant by Reason of the Rain I Could not Get to the meeting as I proposed However Inclosed you will find all the names of the persons for each County who are yet unpaid with the amount Due each person _____ his name purchased none but what names I send you all the Rest are paid the List of names and price Due is to Govern you in your purchase of the Claims the Only way is to purchase them Immediately a Power of attorney you will find also on the Back part of the Same paper Make your Collection as soon as possable and I will have the money Ready for you I am with Sinceir Respects your Most _____

Capt Isaac Taylor

H Roberts

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Know all men by these presence that I A B of Lenoar County and State of No Carolina doth Constitute and apoint Capt Taylor of Said County my True and Lawful attorney for me and in my Name to ask for Demand and Receive of John Roberts PM of the North Carolina Militia all the moneys which are Due me for my Services as a Soldier under the Command of Capt Byrd in the year 1813

Also to Sign .. pay .. and Recopt Rolls for the Same Autheriseing him the Said Taylor to act and do in all things pertaining to the Said Collection in as full and perfect manner as I my Self Could do were I personally present in wihich wheareof I have heareineto Set my hand and Seal This Day of Sept 1816

_____ Name

Two witnesses heare

I heareby Certify that A B Came Before me and acknowledged the above Power of attorney this Day of 1816

Justice Name

[Editor's note: The pages were folded into the shape of an envelope and on what would be the outside was written:

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Capt Isaac Taylor
Lenoar County

HOWEY A. HILL FAMILY

Contributed by Sue E. Powell

Howey Albert Hill, born September 18, 1871, was the son of David Baker Hill and his wife Caroline Williford. On December 12, 1882, David Hill married the widow Sarah Ellis Shelton, the daughter of Josiah Robert Peele Ellis and his wife Elizabeth Holland. Sarah and her first husband, William Daniel Shelton, had one son William Leslie Shelton.

Howey Albert Hill

David and Sarah Hill had six children together, one who was Elizabeth who later married William Cox. (We will come back to this fact later.)

Howey married Elda Elizabeth Ward on August 21, 1892, in Black Creek Township, Wilson County, although they were both Stantonsburg, Wilson County residents. The daughter of Seth Ward and his wife Eldeline Elizabeth "Elda" Barnes, she was born November 26, 1869. Howey and Elda had eight children; however, only three survived infancy. They were Cora Lee Hill who was born July 30, 1894; Zeb Vance Hill who was born September 17, 1897; and Moses Marion Hill who was born April 17, 1903. The family Bible record was included in the December 1994 issue of *Trees of Wilson.*

Elda Ward Hill

Howey and Elda lived in Stantonsburg Township where he worked as a farmer. About 1907, they moved to Wilson, and he went to work with C. Woodard Company. By 1937, he was the assistant manager. Elda died February 25, 1926, and is buried in Maplewood Cemetery, in Wilson.

Cora never married though she may have been engaged at one time. A solitaire ring that had belonged to her remains in the family. She became ill and died December 4, 1923, and is buried in Maplewood Cemetery.

Zeb enlisted in the U. S. Navy March 30, 1916. (See related article on page 99.) At the time of his discharge on March 29, 1920, he was a first class electrician. After he returned to Wilson, he went to work with the City of Wilson as an electrician. On October 7, 1926, while he was repairing an electrical line, someone in the power plant saw the switch for that line in the off position and turned it on electrocuting Zeb. He is buried in Maplewood Cemetery.

Zeb Vance Hill, right, and unnamed friend, left.

Moses entered the U. S. Army, date unknown due to the loss of records by fire, and served for 20 years prior to his retirement. He served a tour of duty in Hawaii prior to and after October 8, 1934. Photographs that he took in Hawaii show before and after signs dating the eruptions of the Halemaumau volcano. Other photographs show life in a tent camp. The photos indicate that he was a cook. He also served a tour of duty in Occupied Japan. I still have several gifts that he sent to our family. He later married, had no children, and died about 1959 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Moses Marion Hill

Sometime after Elda's death, Elizabeth Hill Cox played matchmaker by encouraging Howey to spend time with her second cousin Eva Elizabeth Johnson Harrison, who had been a widow since 1917. Howey and Eva married November 27, 1927, and Howey acquired three stepdaughters, Martha Harrison Langston, Sarah Harrison, and Josie Harrison, my mother. Sources: Howey Albert Hill family Bible, Wilson County Census 1880 and 1900 records, Wilson County Marriages, Maplewood Cemetery records, U. S. Navy records, family records in our possession, family oral history, Hugh B. Johnston files.

THE HILL FAMILY

The Wilson Daily Times, 1959
From "Looking Back" by Hugh B. Johnston

John and Penelope Hill came from Sussex County, Virginia, to southeastern Edgecombe County in January 1795. They had four known children, Burrell, born 1790 and died 1846; William, Peoples, and Rhoda Hill Braswell.

Peoples Hill and wife Nancy had ten children: John, born 1838; Marcus, Nathan, Tabitha, Fielding, Greenberry, McDuffy, Marga, Thomas, and Asa, born 1821, died about 1892.

On October 29, 1840, Asa married Rebecca Hill, born in 1820. Asa and Rebecca had at least two children, Isaac, born 1841; and David Baker Hill, born January 25, 1843, died April 25, 1905.

David Baker Hill married first Caroline Williford, born 1849, died 1887 [sic.], daughter of James Gray Williford and wife, Polly Curle. They had one son, Howey Albert, who married first Elda E. Ward, daughter of Benjamin Ward. David married second Sarah Elizabeth Ellis Shelton. Their children were David, Guy, Oliver, Elizabeth, Orpha, Ruth, and Martha.

WHERE THEY WERE ON APRIL 9TH, 1865

Newspaper clipping in Jesse S. Barnes Camp Journal

Contributed by M. W. Moore

APRIL 9TH, 1865.

Lee Surrendered Today Forty-one Years Ago.

We interviewed the following old veterants [sic.] and they give this account of themselves on that day.

Capt. T. M. Anderson, adjutant Coyt's Virginia battery of artillery, says his artillery was fighting from about three o'clock until dark near Pamplin's depot and never heard of the surrender until after dark.

Moses Dew, sergeant Company C, 43rd N. C. Regiment, was north of the town in Cox's Brigade at the surrender.

W. T. Taylor, Company A, 66th N. C. Regiment, was on the road with his command between Kinston and Smithfield.

Isaac Williamson, Company H, 12th N. C. Regiment, was at home sick.

J. J. Barefoot, Company F, 16th N. C. Cavalry, was in Lynchburg with wagon train when they heard of the surrender.

H. J. Hester, Company G, 1st N. C. Cavalry, was at home suffering from wound received at White Oak Swamp near Petersburg.

Sergeant James T. Wiggins, Company K, 54th N. C. Regiment, was at and lay [?] at Appomattox.

Dr. J. T. Graves was surgeon in Wayside Hospital, Goldsboro.

John H. Lucas, Company B, 10th N. C. Artillery, was at home sick.

Sergt. W. P. Wootten, Company F, 4th N. C. Regiment, was wounded and lay at Appahottox [sic.].

Geo. D. Green, Company B, 10th N. C. Regiment, was at Rigeway with General Matt. Ransom when they heard of the surrender.

Lieut. Thos. J. Hadley, Company A, 55th N. C. Regiment, was a prisoner at Fort Delaware.

Wiley J. Dunn, Company H, 16th N. C. Cavalry, was at Appomattox.

Capt. B. F. Briggs, Company A, 55th N. C. Regiment, was on his way home.

Sergeant John C. Hadley, Company A, 55th N. C. Regiment, was prisoner at Fort Delavare.

W. Farmer, Company H, 16th N. C. Cavalry, was at Appomattox.

Lieut. Frank W. Barnes, Company H, 4th N. C. Cavalry, was on detail in Green county.

J. A. Privett, private, Company K, 24th N. C. Regiment, was at surrender at Appomattox.

R. D. Alley, _____, 16th [hand written over printed number] N. C. Cavalry, was regimental teamster, and was at Appomattox.

Sergeant James H. Marshburn, Company F, 4th N. C. Regiment, was a prisoner at City Point, under guard of negro soldiers. No one doubts but what Jim said Sunday school words while being ordered around by negroes.

Private E. M. Pace, Company B, 10th Georgia Cavalry, was with General Joe Johnston's arm scout for Gen. Hampton.

Private J. B. Ferrell, Company H, 43rd N. C. Regiment, was at Greensboro; had been a prisoner and on parole.

Private W. P. Snakenberg, Company K, 14th Louisiana Tigers, had been a prisoner and was out on parole visiting in Edgecombe county.

Capt. L. D. Killette, Company C, 43rd N. C. Regiment, was at home in Clinton, N. C. wounded and on crutches.

Dr. W. S. Anderson, private, Company H, 31st N. C. Regiment, had served about a year and was at the surrender holding a position on a railroad.

RALEIGH "ROLLY' REASON

Contributed by Betty Reason

Raleigh or Rolly Reason was the son of William and Nancy Reason and was born Feb. 16, 1841—died Aug. 31, 1912. He married first Nancy Norville, the daughter of Ivey and Elizabeth Edwards Norville and at her death married her younger sister Mary Elizabeth.

Raleigh Reason, farmer, a Wilson Co. resident, enlisted in the Confederate army as a private at the age of 17 on May 29, 1861, in Wayne Co., N. C. He mustered into Co. D, 2nd N. C. Infantry. He was detailed on Feb. 15, 1863, as an ambulance driver and returned to his unit on Oct. 15, 1864. He was captured on March 2, 1865, at Waynesboro, Va., and confined on March 4, 1865, at Fort Delaware, Del. He took the Oath of Allegiance on June 19, 1865, and was released.

In the 1900 Wilson County Census, Roland Reason, farmer, born Feb. 1841, lived in Gardners Township with his wife of 33 years, Mary E., born 1845. They had had seven children and five were living. Living with them were their sons Whitaker, born Dec. 1888, and Charlie, born May 1891; and their grandson James Eason, born Sept. 1894.

Living next to them were Raleigh's first son James R., farmer, born March 1869, and his wife Allice, born April 1877. They had had five children and three were living: Florence, born May 1893; Joe, born Jan. 1897; and Lonnie, born Oct. 1899.

Children of Raleigh and Nancy Reason

James I. Reason, born March 18, 1869, died June 23, 1936, married Alice Eason on Oct. 5, 1890, in Wilson County.

Children of Raleigh and Mary Reason

Cora Reason, born 1872, married John William Eason on Dec. 20, 1892

Annie Reason, born 1875, married J. J. Little on Sept. 23, 1896

William Harley Reason, born March 12, 1880, died June 29, 1938, married Bettie Harrell on Sept. 28, 1906

Guy Reason, born 1884, married Emma Everette on Jan. 10, 1906

Whitaker Reason, born 1888, married Mattie Harrell on Jan. 27, 1909

Charlie Reason, born 1891, married Minnie

Living in the next house in the 1900 Wilson Co. Census were George W. Gay, farmer, born Sept. 1849, and his wife Winnie, born 1851. Winnie was the sister of Raleigh Reason. She married first Amarish B. Moore on June 1, 1867. That marriage did not work out, and she returned to her parents. After the death of Amarish, she married George Gay on Feb. 11, 1885, in Wilson Co. She had only one child, George, who died as a boy.

PRISONER EXCHANGE, NEWS OF THE SURRENDER, AND THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Excerpt from *Memoirs of W. P. Snakenberg, Wilson, North Carolina, Private, "Louisiana Tigers," Experiences in Civil War from 1861 until Taken Prisoner May 12, 1864*

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

[Editor's note: Bobby Boykin recently learned of the existence of this unpublished manuscript and purchased it. He has offered WCGS the opportunity to include excerpts in *Trees*. The entire document is 44 pages long. That and the fact that he was in a Louisiana regiment make it unsuitable to print the entire document. However, there are portions that would be of interest and will be included as space permits.

This excerpt was written as one paragraph; however, I have changed it into smaller paragraphs for ease in reading.]

The last of February, 1865, I with others was called out to be sent South to be exchanged and I know that I was glad of it, as I had been confined a prisoner since the 12th of May, 1864, and also glad to get out of hearing of some of these people. We were placed under guard and took the train at Elmira, N. Y., and traveled by Little Fork, Harrisburg, Pa., to Baltimore, Md., then took the boat from Baltimore, Md., by Fortress Monroe and Newport News, to the mouth of the James River and up the James to the landing twelve miles from Richmond, Va.

As we passed Newport News, we could see the masts of the man-of-war "Cumberland" sticking up out of the water where she was sunk by the Merrimac early in 1862. We got to Richmond March 2nd, 1865, and then learned that the cartel was broken and that we would not be exchanged. We were parolled to go where we pleased until we were exchanged. I never was anything afterwards but a parolled prisoner.

I stayed in Richmond several days and then came down in North Carolina and staid about ten days and started for Georgia intending to stay there until exchanged, then return to my Company, but when I got to Raleigh N. C., I learned that Gen'l Johnson's army was fighting Gen'l Sherman's army at Bentonville, only a short distance from Raleigh and that Johnson's army was retreating. I could not get by Sherman's army, and being a parolled prisoner did not want to be taken by Sherman's troops a prisoner again, so after staying in Raleigh and vicinity, returned to Edgecomb County.

After staying there a while, I went down in Martin County to spend a week and while there learned that Gen'l Lee had surrendered at Appomattox Court House, Virginia. I did not believe it at first hearing, but after I had gone back to Edgecombe County found that it was so.

I soon had to go to Goldsboro to get more papers to enable me to go about without being molested by the United States troops. That was the end of the War for me. I carried those papers for several years and would not take the oath of allegiance to the United States until Gen'l R. E. Lee had published a letter, advising all his army comrades to take the oath, so that we would be entitled to the rights of citizenship. Before an election held in 1867, I went before a negro registrar in Greenville who was very ignorant, could scarcely read, and with many mental reservations swallowed what he read. I then voted against changing the Constitution of North Carolina and my name and all others who did so were sent to Gen'l Canby who was in command of the Department, but we never heard any more of the matter. Since then I have always voted the Democratic ticket and shall always do so, I hope.

[Editor's note: William Snakenburg married Delpha J. Gardner on November 18, 1862, in Edgecombe County. George Gardner was bondsman. (*Marriages of Early Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1733-1868,* compiled by Ruth Smith Williams and Margarette Glenn Griffin.) W. P. was wounded Sept 17, 1862, in battle at South Mountain, Va. After three weeks in the hospital in Winchester, Va., followed by two weeks in Stanton, Va., he received a furlough. He could not get home "as it was in the hands of the Yankees" so he "went down into North Carolina" and stayed there rejoining his company about the 4th day of March, 1863. (Excerpt from his memoirs.)

See *Trees of Wilson,* January 2004 issue for the obituary of W. P. Snakenberg, census, marriage, and cemetery information as found in the abstracts of Wilson County records.

Snakenberg has been identified in several existing photographs of his period.]

CORNELIUS JORDAN, JR.

Hugh B. Johnston Family Files

Cornelius Jordan, Jr., son of Cornelius and Elin Jordan, was first mentioned in the Minutes of the Edgecombe County Court on February 26, 1772. On April 20, 1775, and on May 3, 1785, he was appointed on committees to lay off new roads. *(Minutes of the Edgecombe Court).* Cornelius Jordan was No. 118 on a list of Revolutionary Patriots from Edgecombe County. *(North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts, VII, p. 61, f.4 (bunch 9).* In the Edgecombe County Census of 1790, he had one male over sixteen, four males under sixteen, and one female. *(Heads of Families, etc., North Carolina—1790, (Washington, D. C., 1908), p. 57.*

On February 8, 1791, Joshua Jordan was appointed executor of the estate of the late Cornelius Jordan, Jr. *(Minutes of the Edgecombe County Court).* His property was sold on April 14, 1791, and purchases were made by Martha C. Jordan, Asa Jordan, and others. *(Inventories & Accounts of Sales, 1790-1792, pp. 56/60).* A jury was appointed by the November 1791 Court to lay off the dower of Martha C. Jordan, widow of Cornelius Jordan, namely, 100 acres on the old line and the patent line. *(Edgecombe County, Deed Book 6, p. 340).* On February 27, 1794, and on February 26, 1795, Elisha Woodard was appointed guardian of the Jordan orphans. *(Minutes of the Edgecombe County Court).*

Martha C. Jordan was a daughter of Elisha Woodard, Sr., of Edgecombe County, whose will was made on March 26, 1798, and named grandsons Asa Jordan, Thomas Jordan, and Levi Jordan, sons of Cornelius Jordan, deceased. *(Edgecombe County, Will Book D, p. 50).* Their mother was by that time married to Benjamin Amerson. Benjamin Emmerson was No. 132 on a list of Revolutionary Patriots from Edgecombe County. *(Comptroller's Accounts for May 1783 in Halifax Military District, Book K, p. 92).*

FUNERAL REGISTER OF WOOTTEN AND STEVENS—Part Six

This continuing series began in the April 2004 issue of *Trees.*

[Editor's note: Lengths seem to be that of the coffin.]

- Marlow, Jos. N.: Near Wilson. White. Died June 10, 1898, of pneumonia, length 5' 9". Dr. H. D. Crocker. Cost $15. Billed to Susan Marlow. (Page 271)
- Marlow, Susan: Near Wilson. White. Died November 2, 1898, aged 60 years, of "carbuncles", length 5' 9". Dr. Hayes. Cost $15. Billed to executor John H. Ward. Funeral at home. Burial in home cemetery. (Page 370)
- Mason, W. R.: Wilson. White. Died March 10, 1899, aged 34 years, of "Exposure & Intemperance," length 5' 9". Dr. J. K. Ruffin. Cost $53. Billed to G. T. Morgan. Burial at Clarksville, Virginia. "Was found dead about 1 mile from County Road leading to Stantonsburg back of W. J. Davis farm." (Page 435)
- Matthews, Tom: Wilson. Colored. Shot May 28, 1899, aged 37 years, Colored, length 5' 9". Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $4. Billed to Town of Wilson. Burial in Colored Cemetery. "Killed by Policeman George Mumford in the discharge of his duty. Coroner's Inquest gave the above verdict." (Page 476)
- Mayo, John: Cross Roads Township. White. Died February 10, 1898, aged 65 years, of pneumonia, length 5' 9". Dr. H. F. Freeman. Cost $15. Billed to John W. Godwin. Burial in Wayne County. (Page 208)
- McKeel, Myrtie: Wilson. White. Died February 1, 1899, aged 5 months, suddenly. Cost $4. Billed to J. H. McKeel. Burial in Wiley Robbins Cemetery. (Page 416)
- McNair, Harvey: Wilson. White. Died April 29, 1898, length 5' 9". Dr. W. S. Anderson. Cost $62.50. Funeral in Episcopal Church. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. "Harvey McNair was a son of Mr. & Mrs. Collin McNair; was married to the oldest daughter of Judge and Mrs. H. G. Connor." (Page 239)
- Meadows, Frank: Wilson. White. Died January 14, 1898, of typhoid fever, length 6' 3". Dr. C. E. Moore. Burial in Oxford Cemetery. Cost $52.15. "Mr. F. Meadows was a drummer for Wilson Tobacco House." (Page 196)
- Mercer, Charlie: Wilson. Died March 24, 1897, aged 8 months, of measles, length 2' 9". Buried in Maplewood Cemetery. Dr. Jones. Cost $5. Billed to Thomas Henderson. (Page 50)
- Messick, James: Wilson. Colored. Died September __, 1898, length 6'. Cost $7.50. The County Commissioners paid $2. (Page 338)
- Mitchel, Manda: Wilson. White. Died August __, 1897, aged 50, length 5' 9", daughter of Betsy Thompson. Cost $2. Billed to Wilson County. (Page 116)
- Mobley, _____: Wilson. Colored. Died March 16, 1899, of consumption, length 5' 9", father of Jane Mobley. Cost $10. Billed to John T. Williams. Dr. Albert Anderson. (Page 437)
- Mobley, Isaac: Wilson. Colored. Died March 4, 1899, aged 21 years, of consumption. Cost $11. Billed to F. A. Woodard. Burial in Oak Dale Cemetery. (Page 430)
- Moore, _____: Wilson. Colored. Died January 17, 1898, aged 1 day, length 2' 4", grandchild of Pennie Moore. Cost $3. (Page 197)
- Moore, _____: Wilson. Colored. Died July 23, 1898, length 5' 6", wife of Andrew Moore. Cost $20. Burial in Colored Cemetery. (Page 288)
- Moore, _____: Wilson. Colored. Died August 25, 1898, length 2' 9", child of Henry Moore. Funeral in Methodist Church. Burial in colored cemetery. Cost $15. (Page 313)
- Moore, _____: Wilson. Colored. Died September 17, 1898, aged 5 days, length 2 feet. Cost $3. Billed to Pennie Moore. Burial in Oak Dale Cemetery. (Page 334)
- Moore, Florence: Gardner's Township. White. Died March 1, 1898, aged 48 years, of consumption. Dr. N. B. Herring. Cost $10. Billed to J. C. Moore. Burial in J. C. Moore Cemetery. (Page 215)
- Moore, Lelia: Wilson. Colored. Died February 6, 1897, aged 3 months, of a severe cold, length 2 feet. Buried in Oak Dale Cemetery. Cost $3.50. Billed to Bryant Moore. (Page 31)
- Moore, (Mrs.) Martha: Elm City. White. Died July 3, 1897, aged 75 years, length 5' 9", of paralysis, "Widow of the late John E. Moore and mother of Dr. E. G. Moore." Funeral at church. Burial in Cedar Grove Cemetery at Elm City. Cost $55. (Page 96)
- Moore, (Mrs.) Vina: Wilson. White. Died April 6, 1898, aged 77 years, of Pneumonia, length 5' 9", daughters Mrs. Little and Mrs. Bridgers. Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $36. Funeral at home. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 224)
- Morgan, William L.: Near Wilson. White. Died April 27, 1898, aged 9 months, choked to death, length 2' 6", son of J. M. Morgan. Cost $4. Dr. Albert Anderson. Burial in Robbins Cemetery. (Page 236)
- Moseley, _____: Wilson. White. Died October 11, 1898, length 5' 9". Cost $15. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 357)
- Moseley, _____: Black Creek. White. Died May 10, 1899, length 5' 9". Cost $25. Billed to Barney Daniel. (Page 459)
- Muse, Willie, Jr.: Rocky Mount. White. Died March __, 1898, aged 17 years, of rupture. Cost $10.50. Billed to E. G. Muse. (Page 216)
- Narron, Calvin: Nash County. White. Died April 29, 1899, aged 64 years, suddenly, length 6 feet. Cost $15. Billed to George Narron. Funeral at Horn's Church. Burial at Horn's Church Cemetery. "Died on a load of rails going from the woods home." (Page 454)
- Newkirk, Fenner: Wilson. Colored. Died July 18, 1897, of brain fever, aged 28. Dr. T. B. Person. Buried in Oak Dale Cemetery. Cost $6. Billed to Bettie Newkirk. (Page 103)
- Nichols, Bruce Hogan: Wilson. White. Died May 21, 1899, aged 9 months, of teething, length 2' 6". Dr. Jones. Cost $9.50. Billed to Peter Nichols. Funeral in Episcopal Church. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 470)

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(Wootten and Stevens Register, Continued from page 104)

- Nutall (?), _____: Wilson. Colored. Died July __, 1898, length 5' 9". Cost $15. "Corpse was taken to Henderson, N. C., for burial." (Page 291)
- Nolley, Annie: Wilson. White. Died February 26, 1899, length 5' 9". Cost $31. Funeral in Methodist Church. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 424)
- Nolley, Archie Lee: Wilson. White. Died May 18, 1899, aged 4 years 13 days. Dr. N. B. Herring. Cost $10.50. Billed to Buck Nolley. Funeral and Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. (Page 465)
- Oettinger, David: Wilson. White. Died May 22, 1899, aged 40 years, of abcess of the liver, length 5' 9". Cost $110.25. Burial at Washington, D. C. Dr. C. E. Moore. "Bro. Of Jonas Oettinger & one of the Firm of J & D. Oettinger. Leaves wife & 2 children. Was highly respected by all who knew him." (Page 468)
- Organ, Vick: Wilson. White. Died June __, 1897. Cost $26. (Page 83)
- Owens, Jesse: Near Saratoga. Died December 17, 1897, aged 2 years and 6 months, length 3' 3". Cost $9. Bill to Grey Ellis and son. (Page 183)
- Owens, Polly: Pitt County. White. Died April 2, 1897, aged 60, of "Dropsy of Heart," length 5' 9", widow of John T. Owens. Buried in old homestead cemetery. Dr. J. N. Bynum. Cost $30. (Page 53)
- Parker, George R.: Wilson. White. Died March 8, 1897, length 6 feet. Dr. Albert Anderson. Funeral at grave. Buried near Mt. Olive. Cost $18. "Had lived in Wilson only about one year." (Page 45)
- Parker, Harriet Jones: Wilson. Colored. Died May 26, 1898. Dr. N. B. Herring. Cost $10. Billed to Doane Herring. Burial in Oak Dale Cemetery. (Page 260)
- Parker, Nancy: Near Wilson. Colored. Died March 19, 1897, aged 16 years, of measles and pneumonia, length 5' 9". Dr. C. E. Moore. Buried in General [Joshua] Barnes Cemetery. Cost $2.50. (Page 48)
- Parker, Sarah: Near Elm City. White. Died October 23, 1897, aged 60 years, of complication of diseases, length 5' 9", widow. Dr. E. G. Moore. Cost $25. Billed to John Dawes. Burial in old homestead cemetery. (Page 154)
- Parker, Stanley: Wilson. Colored. Died August 2, 1898, aged 65, of old age, length 6 feet. Cost $2.25. Dr. T. B. Person. Funeral at home. Burial in Oak Dale Cemetery. Billed to County Commissioners. (Page 294)
- Parker, Susan: Near Wilson. Colored. Died on March 20, 1897, measles and pneumonia, aged 20 years, length 5' 9". Dr. C. E. Moore. Buried in General [Joshua] Barnes Cemetery. Cost $2.50. Billed to Jack L. Ethridge. (Page 49)
- Pearson, Jamerson: Nash County. White. Died May 17, 1898, aged 40 years 5 months 2 days, length 6 feet, brother of Amos and William Pearson. Cost $45. Dr. N. B. Herring. Burial in home cemetery. (Page 254)
- Peden, Ida: Wilson. White. Died May 30, 1898, at childbirth, length 6 feet. Cost $5. Billed to T. R. Lamm. (Page 262)
- Peel, Mary A.: Spring Hill Township. White. Died May 12, 1898, aged 35 years, after surgical operation, length 5' 6". Dr. C. E. Moore and A. Anderson. Cost $25. Billed to George D. Peel. Buried in the old homestead cemetery. "Was great sufferer & had been down for several years; had been to John Hopkins Hospital." (Page 248)
- Pender, _____: Near Wilson. Colored. Stillborn April 2, 1898, to Mr. & Mrs. Grey Pender. Dr. C. E. Moore. Cost $1.25. Billed to J. B. Farmer. (Page 223)
- Pender, Jerry: Near Wilson. Colored. Died November 27, 1898, aged 80 years, of old age, length 6'. Cost $10. Dr. J. E. Brothers. Billed to Joshua B. Farmer by Grey Pender. Burial in Joshua B. Farmer Cemetery. (Page 383)
- Pender, K. L.: Wilson County. White. Died August 2, 1897, of paralysis, aged 76 years 5 months, length 6 feet, widow of Jack Pender and mother of T. A. Pender. Dr. W. P. Mercer. Funeral and burial in home cemetery. Cost $100. (Page 112)
- Pender, W. K.: Gardner's Township. White. Died April 15, 1899, aged 27 years, of consumption, length 5' 9", nephew of Alsey Pender. Cost $15. Burial in old homestead cemetery. (Page 449)
- Perry, _____: Wilson. White. Died February 2, 1897, aged 2 months and 27 days. Cost $7. (Page 29)
- Perry, _____: Nash County. White. Died November 13, 1898, length 6', wife of William Perry. Cost $27.50. Funeral at Mr. Reddick's home. Burial in Maplewood Cemetery. "Died at her brother's, G. E. Farmer." (Page 375)
- Perry, Nancy: Wilson. White. Died September 4, 1897, aged 12 years. Dr. B. T. Person. Cost $2. Billed to Wilson County. Burial at Joe Lane's Cemetery. (Page 128)
- Perry, Paul James: Wilson. White. Died March 2, 1897, of "Rheumatism of Lungs", aged 2 years 1 month and 1 day, length 3 feet, son of W. H. Perry. Dr. C. E. Moore. Funeral at home. Buried in Maplewood Cemetery. Cost $8.50. (Page 42)
- Piver, _____: Wilson. White. Died July 7, 1899, length 5' 9", wife of J. B. Piver. Drs. Moore and Anderson. Cost $45. Funeral in Episcopal Church. Burial in Morehead City Cemetery. "Was a most excellent woman." (Page 401)
- Pleasants, George: Near Wilson. Colored. Died May 24, 1898, aged 52 years, length 6' 2". Cost $10. Billed to Sallie and Cora Farmer. Dr. T. B. Person. Burial in Simon Barnes Cemetery. (Page 257)
- Pitt, Antony: Gardner's Township. Colored. Died March 26, 1898, of the "Effects of a Blow." Certified by County Coroner. Cost $2. Billed to County Commissioners. "Supposed to have been murdered." (Page 221)
- Pittman, _____: Wilson. White. Died October 13, 1897, aged 2 years, length 3 feet. Cost $4. Billed to Herbert Pittman. (Page 158)
- Pittman, _____: Wilson. White. Died May 18, 1898, aged 2 months, length 2 feet. Cost $2. Billed to Ben Pittman. (Page 253)
- Pittman, James: Near Black Creek. White. Died April 1, 1899, aged 56 years, length 6 feet. Dr. Hoover. Cost $15. Burial in Bennett Luper's Cemetery. "Father of John Pool's wife." (Page 445)

LUREN DELONZO KILLETTE OBITUARY
Wilson Times, April 27, 1906

Contributed by M. W. Moore

CAPT. KILLETTE DEAD.

After months of patient suffering, attended by a devoted wife, children and friends, the spirit of Capt. L. D. Killette, a brave Confederate soldier, useful citizen, and a man always who possessed a fund of good nature to revive the drooping spirits of all with whom he came in contact, passed over the river this morning at 11 o'clock at his home about two miles south of Wilson.

Through all his illness and suffering, for it seemed his spirit long ago beat against the cages of its tenement of clay, longing to be free, his kindly voice cheered those who surrounded him, and no man appreciated the tender ministration which he constantly received more than he, or the visitations of his friends, for whom as long as his faculties were alert, he had some pleasant word to say seemingly trying to recall the days of the past.

His comrades speak of him as the life of the bivouac and camp fire, for wherever the Captain was there were the soldiers gathered to listen to his rich fund of story and of lore, and too whenever there was sickness or suffering, he was also with tender ministration and kindly words of sympathy.

When the call to arms resounded and the bugle blew for the charge, his eye kindled with its valor and in the foremost rank he was found, battling with the enemy or encouraging his men.

He commanded Company C, 43rd N. C. Regiment of Infantry and served faithfully and valiantly through the war.

At the close of hostilities he returned home, spending his life farming and contracting, passing away this morning at the ripe age of 65 years, 1 month and 23 days.

He leaves a wife and three children—Messrs. E. F. Killette, Charles Killette and Mrs. Floyd Bynum.

The funeral will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock from the Methodist church, of which he was a faithful and consistent member, and afterwards will be laid away in Maplewood by his comrades and Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 117.

Our sympathy to his bereaved wife and children.

[Editor's note: His marker at Maplewood Cemetery records the following information: L. D. Killette, Capt., born 1841, died 1906, "Oldest North Carolina commissioned officer of the Civil War." Eugenia E. Killette, "Wife of Capt. L. D. Killette," born 1844, died 1925, was interred in Maplewood Cemetery on December 8, 1925. (*Wilson County, North Carolina Cemeteries,--Volume IV,* compiled by Joan L. Howell.

North Carolina Troops: 1861-1865, records his military service in Company C, 43rd Regiment N. C. Troops. "KILLETT, L. D., 1st. Lieutenant. Born in Wilson County* and resided in Sampson County where he was by occupation a cadet prior to enlisting in Wilson County at age 20, February 15, 1862. Mustered in as 1st Sergeant. Elected 2nd Lieutenant in May, 1862. Promoted to 1st Lieutenant on January 23, 1863. Present or accounted for through February, 1865."

A census search did not find him in Wilson County in 1860, 1870, or 1880. He and his family appear to be listed in the 1900 Wilson County Census in Wilson Township—Ed 123. The listing for household number 438 is abstracted as Killett, Toney A., born March 1842, married for 34 years to Eugenia E., born July 1845, son Chaley H., born January 1880, and daughter Mary L., born January 1875. (*Wilson County, North Carolina Federal Census of 1900,* abstracted by Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe)

The "Register of Dr. Deems School," from the Hugh Johnston files, lists 1st Sergt. Luren Delonzo Killett of Sampson County among the officers of the Military Academy in 1860 . (*Trees of Wilson, Volume 7, Number 10,* page 7)

A license was issued in Wilson County on June 30, 1892, to E. F. Killett, age 26, to marry Leanne Elizabeth Pearson, age 22. The license was not completed. The July 16, 1902, marriage of Floyd E. Bynum to Miss Mamie L. Killett was recorded in Wilson County. They were both 27 years of age and Wilson County residents. James Thomas, Presbyterian Minister, performed the marriage at the home of the bride. Witnesses were J. Tomlinson, R. E. Townsend, and Chas. E. Best. (*Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* J. Robert Boykin, III)

In the 1900 Wilson County Census, Edwin Killette, "macanic," born August 1867 in N. C., and his wife of eight years, Elizbeth, born January 1870, lived in Wilson Township—ED 125. They had two sons, Willey, born January 1894, and Edwin, born July 1897. Edwin, Sr.'s mother was recorded as having been born in Virginia.

[Editor: A second newspaper article was included the same day.]

VETERANS.

Your comrade, Capt. L. D. Killette, is dead. You will meet at the Methodist church at 4 o'clock Saturday evening to pay the last tribute of respect, where the funeral services will be held.

By order Lieutenant Commander,

W. P. Wootten.

E. M. Pace, Adjutant.

BRYANT MEXICAN LAND DEED
Hugh Johnston Files

State of North Carolina
Wayne County

Know all men by these preasants that I William Bryant Bargin and sell all of my Inturst in a land wornt that I hold in the estate of Washington Bryant whitch is at Salteaslo in mixco for in conrason of som of Twenty five dollars to me in hand paid witch I do waurnt and defend all of my title and Rite to John B. Jones his hres and Asgins for ever

Witness	A. E. Gill	August 14th 1849
	John Hooks	William Bryan

[Editor's Note: Washington Bryant was listed as deceased in the Roster of Company B, one of the ten companies in the North Carolina Regiment of Volunteers, organized by Captain Henry Roberts at Goldsboro, Wayne County, N. C., in 1847. "Edgecombe County in the Mexican War: 1846-1848, Part III," by Albert Page, *Trees of Wilson,* October, 2000]

MINUTES—OCTOBER 26, 2004

The November meeting of the WCGS was held on the 26th at the Durwood Stancil, Inc. building on Ward Blvd. at 7:00 p. m. Carol Forbes, our president, welcomed the members and guests. The minutes were approved as printed in Trees. Henry Powell gave the treasurer's report noting that we have printing expenses for the forthcoming calendar and other books as the need requires with the main project being our book on the Founding Families which is a work in progress.

The list of officers for the coming year was presented and elected: Carol Forbes—President, Sue Powell—Vice President, Frances Roberson—secretary, Henry Powell—Treasurer, Wanda Taylor, to the board.The terms of Judy O'Neal and Mary Ann Sheak are continuing. Dick Rountree's term ends this year.

Henry suggested that the by-laws be changed for date of the social allowing us to have it in a month of our choosing which in some years might be a more suitable time than June as it is currently stated in the by laws.

Dick Rountree reported on the annual Pitt County meeting which is held for two days each October. For him it was a success this year as he found information on a ggggrandmother which was a thrill for him!

Letters by George and Walter Battle, who were Wilson soldiers in the Civil War, have been printed and are available through Amazon and Barnes and Noble. They were in Company F, 4th Regiment NCST, a company which was formed in Wilson County, and the price of the book is $14.95. This should be of interest to those with family from this area who fought in the war.

Our guest speakers for the evening were Cathy and Rob Elias from Raleigh who were introduced by Henry Powell. They spoke on "Getting Started on Welsh Genealogy" and are members of the Welsh Society of the Carolinas. It was noted that 30 million Americans are descended from the Welsh and that 10% of the North Carolina land owners in 1790 had Welsh surnames. Thomas Jefferson and 18 of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Welsh ancestry. Early Welsh immigrants settled in the northeast in the Vermont and Pennsylvania areas with later generation moving into North Carolina, Virginia and further west.

Rob gave some search clues: naming patterns in families, family records including Bibles and photos, the type of occupations, and religion. Some of the most popular surnames in marriage records (as found in the Rowlands and Rowlands search of 1996) during the years 1816-1836 were Jones, Williams, Davies, Thomas, Evans, Roberts, Hughes, Lewis, Morgan and Griffiths.

If a family was concentrated in identifiable geographic areas, that narrows the locations to search for an ancestor. An overlap between the geographic areas where the husband's and the wife's surnames were concentrated can be helpful in finding the locality where they were married.

Among the types of genealogical source records listed by Rob were:

- Census records taken during 1841-1940 with the 1901 records being the most recent available due to a 100 year wait for the government release of census data.
- Civil registration including births, marriages, and deaths dating July 1, 1837, to the present.
- Church records including baptisms, marriage banns and burials as early as 1538.
- Court records as early as 1380
- Welsh Genealogy on the Internet
- Family History Library Services
- Resources through the SLC Family History Library
- The British Census
- Locally, at the Olivia Raney Library, the Family History Centers in Raleigh and Chapel Hill, and the Perkins Library at Duke

A few helpful Welsh URLS are:

www.genuki.org.uk
www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/research/obtaining certificates
www.llgc.org.uk
www.familyhistory,com/societyhall/

It was a most interesting and informative presentation and we are grateful to Rob and Kathy for sharing their time and information with the society.

The president ended the meeting by announcing that it was Sue Powell's birthday, and Henry surprised us with cake! Frances W. Roberson

NEW BOOKS

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